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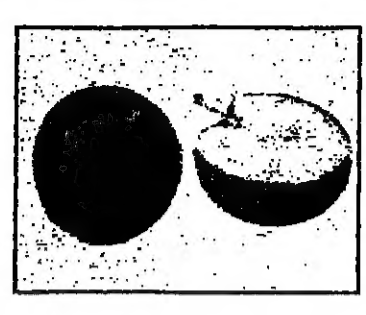
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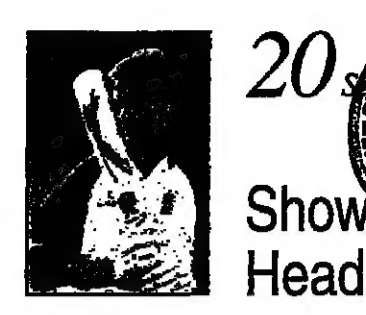
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Kiryat Arba minor says PA aids hunt for killers of 2 settlers

GSS used 'dirty tricks'

By AMY KLEIN

The General Security Service released the last of the four minors from Kiryat Arba yesterday, who were arrested on suspicion of belonging to a Jewish underground. The other three were released earlier this week.

The GSS and police could not find evidence that connected the four teenagers to the crimes of belonging to an underground and setting fire to the fields and cars of Hebron Arabs. But they will continue the investigation, said Ofer Sivan, spokesman for the Judea and Samaria Police District.

The minor released yesterday was held for nine days, and denied legal counsel for seven.

The GSS held him for longer than the others because he had confessed to setting fire to fields belonging to three Arabs. But he only signed a confession because he was under duress, he told *The Jerusalem Post*.

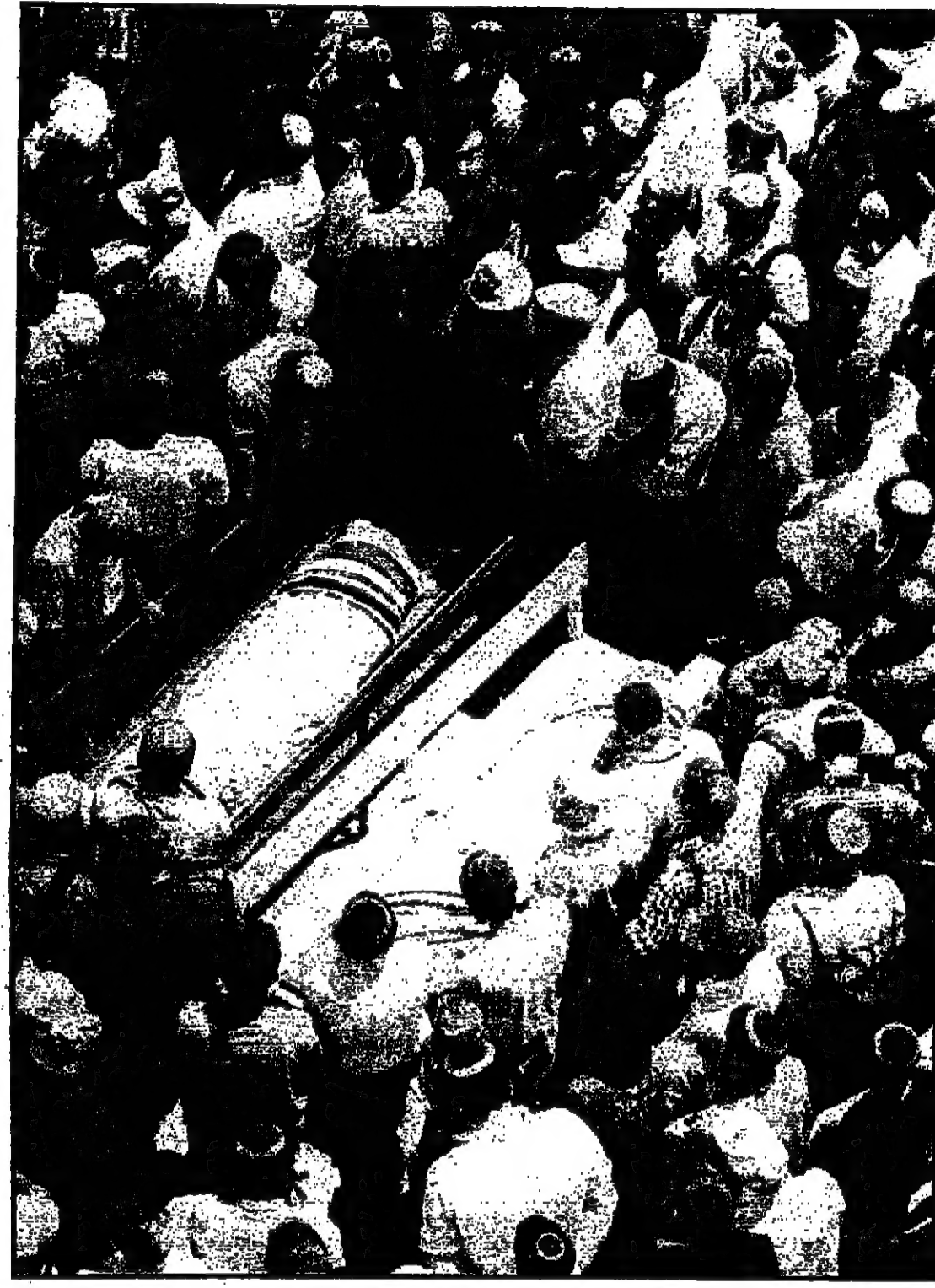
"The GSS used all kinds of dirty tricks to make me talk. They showed me a confession in my friend's handwriting that named me," he said. "Over Shabbat, they hid notes in my food that were supposed to be from my friend, saying he was sorry he confessed."

The worst thing was, at the end of Tisha Be'av, I requested meat, and they said I could have some if I would write a request. As I was writing, someone burst in the door and snapped a picture of me."

He later found out that the GSS told the other minor the picture was proof he had confessed.

"I hadn't spoken to my lawyer in seven days - except for a few minutes the first day. I hadn't spoken to my parents in seven days. I hadn't seen the sky except on the way to court. I would do anything to get out," he said. He confessed on the seventh day [Monday].

On Monday afternoon he was allowed to see his lawyer, after the expiry of the GSS's six-day order to deny legal counsel.



Mourners surround the bodies of Shlomo Liebman and Harel Bin-Nun at their funeral service in Jerusalem yesterday.

Report: Attack linked to Yitzhar land dispute

By STEVE RODAN and news agencies

The IDF imposed curfews on four villages yesterday and rounded up hundreds of Palestinians in a search for the killers of two residents of Yitzhar who were shot dead late Tuesday night.

Palestinian police arrested several residents of Nablus last night as suspects in the attack, Israel Radio reported.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pledged to expand the settlement, south of Nablus. The Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza decided last night to build dozens of apartments in Yitzhar in response to the killings.

IDF officers said they had tracked footprints, which they said were those of two gunmen, to an unnamed Arab village and interrogated hundreds of residents.

They said the killers used a Kalashnikov submachine gun and fired at Shlomo Liebman, 24, and Harel Bin-Nun, 18, at 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday, riddling their jeep with bullets as they were patrolling outside Yitzhar.

Bin-Nun was on a mobile phone, speaking to a friend, who suddenly heard shots and shouting in Arabic on the line and quickly telephoned for help.

Liebman and Bin-Nun, both students at the Od Yosef Chai yeshiva at Joseph's Tomb in Nablus, died immediately of bullet wounds in the head.

"We are concentrating the investigation in the intelligence realm," said Brig.-Gen. Yitzhak Eitan, commander of ground forces in Judea and Samaria.

The officers said the two were on patrol on a dirt road about 2.5 kilometers from Yitzhar. Liebman was carrying an IDF-issued M-16. Bin-Nun did not have a weapon, having been banned from carrying one by an IDF order.

They said the ambush was carefully planned and the killers had probably surveyed the area for several nights to learn the route of the jeep. They said they had not received any warning of a possible

attack in the area.

The officers said the jeep was patrolling too far from the settlement, and had failed to coordinate with the IDF.

"Two Jews were murdered by gunshots in an ambush which apparently was carried out by two terrorists working together, who fired on a vehicle that was on security patrol around the settlement," OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon told reporters at the site.

"No doubt this was a planned ambush... These are terrorists who observed the guard activity in the settlement and apparently observed that the car was passing along this path a number of times and ambushed it."

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Ya'alon said the shots were fired from close range. The assailants then approached the vehicle and fired again before fleeing with Liebman's weapon, he said.

Both television stations reported last night that the motive for the attack may have been a land dispute with Palestinians over expanding the settlement. Channel 2 said the dispute was over a road on Palestinian-claimed land.

The IDF Spokesman's Office confirmed that Bin-Nun, the nephew of settlement leader Yoel Bin-Nun was prevented from receiving an IDF weapon but refused to say why.

Ya'alon would not explain either. "The circumstances don't allow everyone to have weapons," he said.

Netanyahu called on Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat to cooperate in the investigation. At the same time, he said he supported a demand by settlers for an expansion of Yitzhar as a response.

Channel 1 reported that 15 cars were being moved to the site.

"I think this was a very, very serious crime and it underscores

our concerns regarding security; it also reaffirms our insistence that the PA stick to its obligations, which means fighting terrorism," Netanyahu told reporters at his Jerusalem office.

"They have to fight terrorism because these terrorists probably came from Palestinian areas... although we have no final confirmation of this at this point," Netanyahu said. "We want to know who committed this crime. We are doing all we can in the intelligence field to find out."

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai visited Yitzhar and pledged to take all steps necessary to capture the killers. He ordered IDF forces in the area reinforced and "a list of steps," including searches, until the murderers are found.

Arafat made no comment on the attack. Other PA officials issued various statements that ranged from understanding to criticism.

"I see what happened as a natural result of the Israeli settlers and settlement activities," Palestinian Legislative Council member and Arafat adviser Marwan Kanafani said.

"Violence is only a symptom," Higher Education Minister Hanan Ashrawi said. "We have to look at the causes of the violence."

Nabil Amr, another Arafat adviser who is also a PLC member, said the attack underlined the need for "serious ideas" from Israel to move the peace process forward.

Amr told *The Jerusalem Post* that while he regrets the shootings, "I'm saying that it's a result of the climate created by the Israeli government, which refused the peace."

Thousands attended the funeral, which began at the Mercat Harav yeshiva in Jerusalem and slowly made its way to Yitzhar.

The two were the first people to be buried at the settlement, which until yesterday did not have a cemetery.

Transport Minister Shaul Yahalom was heckled by mourners as he attempted to deliver a eulogy. Many cried for revenge.

Mohammed Najib contributed to this report.

Lewinsky before grand jury today

WASHINGTON (AP) - In an event long anticipated in the investigation of a presidential affair and cover-up, Monica Lewinsky is expected to go before a federal grand jury today to testify about her relationship with President Bill Clinton, a legal source said.

Lewinsky, the former White House intern, is expected to say she had an affair with the president - a turnaround from her denial of such a relationship in the Paula Jones civil lawsuit.

Clinton, who testifies by closed circuit television on August 17, has denied an affair.

The source said that Lewinsky would appear today - although independent counsel Kenneth Starr has made last-minute changes in the past.

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Israeli, Palestinian negotiators to arrange further talks

By STEVE RODAN, MOHAMMED NAJIB and Itim

Israeli and Palestinian negotiators are to resume contacts today to set up another negotiating session, Israel Radio reported last night, quoting a senior political source.

According to the report, the contacts had been postponed from yesterday because of the slayings in Yitzhar.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said yesterday he thought an agreement on the second pullback could be reached shortly, but that Tuesday night's attack underscored the need to make sure the Palestinians fulfilled their commitment to fight terrorism. He was quoted from a

speech at the National Defense College graduation last night.

Earlier yesterday, Netanyahu showed inner cabinet ministers a map of the prospective 13 percent pullout, Itim reported.

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky and National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon voiced some objections.

Sharansky said that Israel was making far-reaching steps and was waiting for answers from Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

"He cannot get anything better from us," Sharansky said.

Arafat, meanwhile, said yesterday he was "asking the US to assume its responsibility toward the peace process and present its proposals officially as soon as possible."

He said that he sent a message Tuesday to US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, telling her that the Israeli proposals which had been presented during the last Israeli-Palestinian meetings fell far short from those proposed by the Clinton administration.

The letter said that the Palestinians had bent over backward to make peace and that it was time for the US to tell Israel "Enough."

Arafat again appealed to the international community to save the peace process from the Netanyahu government.

He expressed support for the Egyptian-French initiative to hold an international conference on the Middle East.



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu discusses plans to cut unemployment with Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman (left) and Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai yesterday.

Saddam ends cooperation with UN

US: 'We will watch Iraqi actions, not their words'

News agencies

BAGHDAD - Iraqi President Saddam Hussein yesterday froze cooperation with UN weapons inspectors to protest eight years of economic sanctions against his country.

The US responded by saying it would continue to pressure Iraq to

comply with UN arms inspectors.

"We will watch Iraqi actions; not their words," White House spokesman P.J. Crowley said. "We will continue to keep pressure on Saddam." He noted that the latest actions in Baghdad were a "clear violation" of the peace accords that ended the 1991 Gulf War.

Saddam's move came hours after Iraq's 250-member National Assembly voted unanimously to cut off cooperation and called for an end to sanctions. Legislators voted after a new dispute with the weapons inspectors.

Saddam decided after a meeting with senior officials to "completely suspend cooperation with the UN Special Commission and the International Atomic Energy Agency," a government statement said.

The announcement means that UN experts can no longer search suspected weapons sites in Iraq. Still, Saddam said he would exempt UN monitoring activities in Iraq from his decision, meaning that cameras and sensors installed in suspected weapons sites can remain in place.

Saddam issued several conditions for restoring cooperation, including changing the makeup of the commission and who oversees its inspectors.

The confrontation was triggered by the collapse of talks Monday between chief UN weapons inspector Richard Butler and Iraq's lead negotiator, Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz.

Arriving in New York yesterday, Butler said if Iraq decides to break "cooperation with us and make a run for it on their own, that is very serious. And the Security Council will have to deal with that."

PM approves Neeman-Yishai plan to cut jobless rolls by 20,000

By DAVID HARRIS

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last night approved a plan to remove 20,000 people from the unemployment register over the next two months, he said.

Netanyahu had given Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai 24 hours to find ways to end their disagreement on the issue and reduce the jobless total from 210,000.

"This is just the first step and you'll hear about others in the next few days," Netanyahu said, referring

to the upcoming cabinet debate on the 1999 state budget and the accompanying budgetary arrangements bill.

Earlier in the day, Neeman, Yishai, and senior Internal Security Ministry officials agreed to a freeze in permits for foreign workers and to cut their number by some 30,000 over the next 17 months. Presently, 500 foreign workers are expelled a month. Yishai's ministry proposed increasing this to at least 1,000 but said this would take additional funding.

Neeman said he would do what he could to find the money, but

toward the end of the session, deputy state budget director Haim Peltz said: "How can we put aside more money when we're trying to cut the budget?" according to Yishai's spokesman Nahum Ido.

At that point, Ido said Yishai turned to Neeman and, in anger, said: "What am I meant to do when you both don't know what's going on?"

Eventually it was agreed to expel a minimum of 1,000 workers a month for the remainder of this year and to increase this by several hundred through 1999.



NEWS

in brief

Haifa businessmen suspected of tax fraud

Ya'acov Dubnov and Avner Hadad, who are suspected of defrauding the tax authorities, were released on NIS 600,000 bail each and barred from leaving the country. An Income Tax Authority representative told Haifa Magistrate's Court that from 1993-1997 the men hid millions of shekels in income from the authority.

In a separate trial, the court released Meir Weitzman on NIS 200,000 bail and prohibited him from going abroad for six months. He allegedly doctored his income tax reports, cheating authorities out of approximately NIS 1 million. *Itim*

Islamic Jihad members reportedly arrested

Three men were arrested early yesterday morning in Wajala on suspicion of being members of Islamic Jihad, Palestinian sources said. An IDF unit entered the village, near Bethlehem, shortly after sunrise and arrested the men, one of whom was wanted by the security forces, the sources said.

Eight residents of the Jalazone refugee camp, near Ramallah, also reportedly were arrested yesterday for throwing stones and firebombs at IDF soldiers. *Itim*

PM: We need more money to counter Iran

There are no guarantees the country will succeed diplomatically in slowing down Iran's arms procurement, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said yesterday at a graduation ceremony at the National Security College. He said he would earmark more funds to counter the threat.

"We have to prepare for a possibility that these countries will arm themselves with missiles," he said, apparently also referring to Iraq.

"This means we have to devote more national resources... and I intend to arrange this." *Jerusalem Post Staff*

19-year-old suffers near-drowning

Rudolf Simonean, 19, of Jerusalem came close to drowning yesterday in the Kiyat Yovel pool. It took 40 minutes for Magen David Adom medics to revive Simonean after he was dragged out of the pool. He was taken to Hadassah University Hospital in Ein Kerem and reported to be in serious condition. *Itim*

UNIFIL troops find bomb

UNIFIL troops detected a bomb near their position at Kantara in the security zone yesterday and sappers blew it up. Israeli military sources believe it was placed there by Hizbullah and claimed it showed that the Shi'ite terrorists do not hold the UN peacekeepers immune to the conflict and do not feel restricted by their presence. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Yanai weeps after running into ex-boyfriend

Pinat Yanai wept when she encountered her former boyfriend Ziv Chen during a break in questioning at the Bat Yam police station yesterday. Both Yanai and Chen were being probed about the controversy surrounding the trial of Nuhum Manbar.

Afterwards she explained to interrogators what she believed was Chen's motive in making an allegedly false statement which prompted Manbar's attorney Amnon Zichroni to appeal to the High Court to disqualify Tel Aviv District Court President Amnon Strashnov from the case. Yanai has been questioned for three days. Zichroni is also expected to be questioned. *Itim*

Iraq reportedly asks Egypt to restore ties

CAIRO (AP) - Iraq has asked Egypt to restore diplomatic relations with it, Egypt's Middle East News Agency reported yesterday.

Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz made the request in a meeting with Mahmoud Sharif Rihan, Egypt's chief representative in Baghdad, MENA said.

Egyptian Foreign Ministry officials could not be reached immediately for comment.

Aziz said the recent improvement of ties between the two countries required a further push, MENA quoted Rihan as saying.

Rihan, who runs an Egyptian interest section at the Indian Embassy, did not say when the meeting was held.

Arab diplomats in Cairo said Iraq's envoy to the Arab League, Nabil Najim, put the same request to Egyptian Deputy Foreign Minister Seyed Abu Zaid in Cairo yesterday.

Iraq severed diplomatic ties with Egypt and several other Arab countries before the start of the 1991 Gulf War in protest against their participation in the US-led coalition.

Diplomats said Iraq has made a similar request to Syria. Iraq and Syria cut relations when Syria sided with Iran after the start of the Iran-Iraq war in 1980-88.

Egypt and Syria have improved their relations with Iraq in recent months, as both nations increased their trade with Baghdad under the oil-for-food deal. The UN program allows Iraq to bypass the sanctions imposed after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait and sell limited quantities of oil to buy humanitarian goods for its people.

Egyptian Trade Minister Ahmed Gwelly was quoted in Cairo newspapers yesterday as saying that Egyptian companies have signed deals worth more than \$200 million with Iraq this year.

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He said he would present his findings to the Security Council today, but would meet with Secretary-General Kofi Annan yesterday after reading the Iraqi parliament's declaration.

The international sanctions imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990 cannot be lifted until the UN inspectors certify Iraq has destroyed all its chemical and biological weapons and long-range missiles. The sanctions ban Iraq from freely exporting its most valuable commodity - oil.

Criticism of Iraq by Britain and the US appeared muted compared to past confrontations, when the two countries threatened military action.

Crowley scoffed at Saddam Hussein's latest refusal to cooperate with arms inspectors, calling it "a game of cat-and-mouse" and saying any military response would be premature.

"We're not willing to play this game," he said.

An Iraqi parliament statement issued after its six-hour session called for an "end to cooperation" with the UN Special Commission, saying the inspectors would never give Iraq a clean bill of health. It also demanded all sanctions be lifted by the Security Council.

Saddam reached the decision after chairing a meeting of the Revolutionary Command Council, Iraq's most powerful decision-making body, and members of the ruling Baath Party, the statement said. It was read out on national television.

On Tuesday, Saddam approved a series of undisclosed measures to fight the sanctions. The parliament was also discussing those steps and it was not clear if the resolution passed was one of them.

Earlier, Butler sought to play down the seriousness of the confrontation, saying in a stopover in London that he had told Annan by telephone that the troubles should not be exaggerated.

"I said very specifically to him that I don't think any of us should describe this as a crisis," he told BBC radio.

Butler said he did not understand why Aziz cut short their meeting Monday, since he told him the inspectors were "very close" to certifying Iraq had destroyed its missiles and chemical weapons.

However, he added, they were not close to solving the problem of biological weapons.

Butler's political adviser, Gustavo Ziautvinen, said Aziz also refused to accept a proposal to speed up the pace of weapons inspections.

PM approves expansion of Yitzhar

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, responding to demands by the National Religious Party, yesterday gave the go-ahead for expansion of the Yitzhar settlement in the West Bank.

The demand was made following the murders of Harel Bin-Nun and Shlomo Liebman at the settlement on Tuesday night.

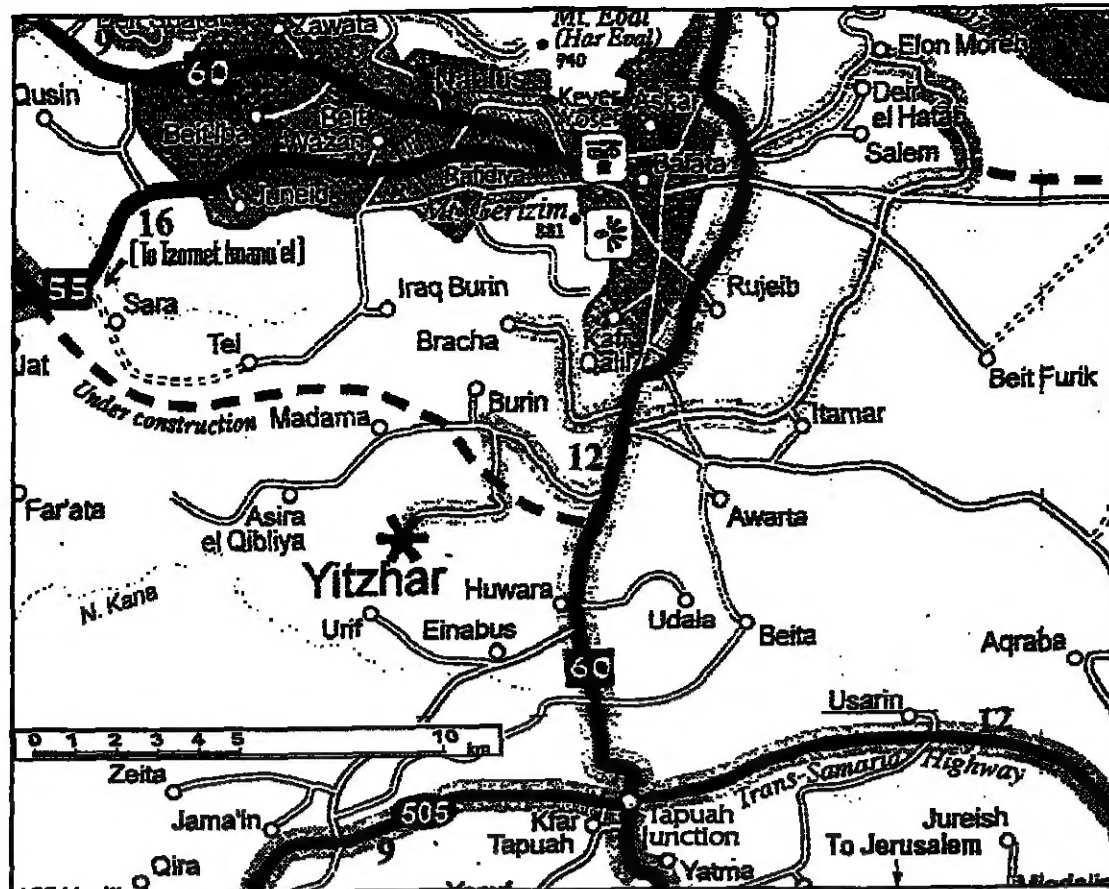
Channel One reported last night that 15 trailers were being moved into Yitzhar, while West Bank settlement leaders were also said to be exploring other possibilities for expanding their communities.

Netanyahu said he would not agree to building new settlements. "I take a severe view of this incident. It strengthens us in our insistence that the Palestinian Authority keep its commitments to us, first and foremost the commitment to fight terrorism and its infrastructure," Netanyahu said.

Both the Right and Left denounced the attack. But while the right-wing called to halt the talks with the Palestinians, the Left said the murders proved the urgency of achieving a peace agreement to prevent recurrences.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, however, advised against making any connection between the murders and the talks with the Palestinians.

"Clearly this is a severe inci-



dent. Two people were murdered. We still don't know the murderers' motives or what cell exactly they belonged to. I would suggest not to link it to other things," he said.

MK Hanan Porat, of the NRP, demanded that Netanyahu approve of additional building in Yitzhar. Porat accused Mordechai of holding up the construction in Joseph's tomb, which was dam-

aged during the Western Wall Tunnel events, so as not to sabotage the negotiations with the Palestinians. Transport Minister Shaul Yahalom, of the NRP, demanded

Netanyahu halt the negotiations with the Palestinians until the extradition of the murderers, and that the continuation of the peace process be re-examined following the attack.

Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled, of Tsomet, demanded "giving the Oslo agreement a final donkey's burial. The incident proves again how bad the Oslo agreement is for Israel and its residents."

Opposition leader MK Ehud Barak sharply condemned the attack and expressed condolences to the bereaved families. At the same time, Barak said: "We must not allow extremists and cowards to prevent the two nations from reaching a peace agreement."

Molested leader MK Rehavam Ze'evi called on right wing MKs of all factions to support the government only on condition it allows every settler to carry a weapon. He demanded that regulations depriving certain settlers of their license to carry a gun be immediately cancelled.

MK Ran Cohen, of Meretz, said the perpetrators of the attack were repulsive and should be ostracized by Palestinian society.

Cohen attacked the ministers who called for a halt in the peace talks, saying:

"There are some who will jump on any disaster to pave the murderers' way to more disasters, instead of acting to stop them."

Eulogies include demands to halt the Oslo process

By GIL HOFFMAN

About a thousand mourners attended the funeral service for Shlomo Liebman and Harel Bin-Nun at the Mercaz Harav yeshiva in Jerusalem, where several youths shouted down Transport Minister Shaul Yahalom as he tried to deliver a eulogy.

"You're delivering our land to the murderers," they yelled and then vowed to avenge the slayings.

Yahalom continued to be heckled even as he pledged that the settlement of Yitzhar, where the shooting attack took place, and the surrounding communities would continue to be expanded.

The youths were also eulogized by former chief rabbis Abraham Shapira and Mordechai Eliahu, and Or Etzion yeshiva head Rabbi Haim Druckman.

Carloads of people joined the funeral procession as

it wound its way through Jerusalem, past the Ramallah area to Yitzhar, where the two were buried. Eliahu, quoting from the psalm said each Wednesday in morning prayers, said "Until when will the wicked rejoice?"

Connecting the verse to the Oslo peace process, he added, "Until when will we continue to give away our portion and inheritance in the land of Israel and put our trust in people who murder in the lowest way?"

"Both of them stood watch and fell as heroes," Eliahu added.

"What more has to happen before we stop calling a disaster a peace process? Isn't what has happened already enough?" Druckman asked.

He called on the government to "open its eyes and stop the deterioration and stop thinking that giving away parts of our land will please someone."



Shlomo Liebman (Flash 90)



Harel Bin-Nun (Flash 90)

Liebman: Son of a Hebron pioneer

Shlomo Liebman, 24, was said to be one of the outstanding personalities at the Od Yosef Chai yeshiva at Joseph's Tomb in Nablus.

He and his brother, Yehuda, who also studies there, organized assemblies, events, and tourist visits at the tomb.

He came to the yeshiva six years ago and lived in the dormitory in Yitzhar.

He was particularly beloved by the settlement's children, residents said.

Liebman is the son of Rabbi Menahem Liebman, who was one of the first people to settle in Hebron after Jews were allowed to return there following the Six Day War.

Some 15 years ago, the family left Hebron and moved to Jerusalem, where the father headed the Idra yeshiva, near the Western Wall.

Liebman's sister is one of the eight people living in two shacks on Yitzhar's farm. *(Itim)*

Bin-Nun: Survivor of previous attack

Harel Bin-Nun, 18, was a student at the Od Yosef Chai yeshiva at Joseph's Tomb in Nablus, and had been managing Yitzhar's farm, which is located on a hill some four kilometers from the settlement.

His father, Elhanan Bin-Nun is the rabbi of Shilo, where Harel was raised. Harel came to Yitzhar four years ago because Od Yosef Chai's dormitory is located there. He helped start the farm, which includes a vineyard, field crops, and a sheep herd.

Bin-Nun was seriously wounded in the 1991 shooting attack on a Tel Aviv-bound bus that killed Rafeh Druck and the bus's driver, Yitzhak Rofeh.

He was shot in the lung and his life was saved by a field operation performed by an army doctor. He is the nephew of Rabbi Yoel Bin-Nun, a Gush Emunim leader who, since Yitzhar Rabin's assassination, has been a prominent voice calling for "soul-searching" in the religious-Zionist community. *(Itim)*

Tensions between Yitzhar settlers, Arabs were growing

By GIL HOFFMAN

Yitzhar was established 13 years ago by families who wanted to live near Nablus for religious reasons. Bentzi Lieberman, head of the Samaria Regional Council, told Israel Radio.

Tension between Yitzhar residents and local Arabs have escalated over the last year. Yitzhar resident Yohanan Ben-Abraham told Israel Radio yesterday. Arab youths from the Nablus area have been setting fires near Yitzhar, said Ben-Abraham, who said the attack was "predictable."

About 80 families live in Yitzhar, which is located seven kilometers south of Nablus. The residents work mainly in agriculture, in the free professions in the local area and in the Tel Aviv area, and in the Od Yosef Chai Yeshiva in Nablus.

Yitzhar is located in area A, which is under full Israeli control. It is one of the settlements that would be isolated by the second redeployment, according to the map prepared by OC Planning Branch Maj.-Gen. Shlomo Yanai and presented to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee June 30.

Yitzhar was last in the news in 1992, when six of its residents, all

aged 20-22, were indicted for arson, firing in a populated area, aggravated assault and damaging property for an incident in June 1991 in the nearby Arab village of Beit Umrin.

According to the charge sheet, the six Yitzhar residents along with two others entered Beit Umrin, shot at several houses, and entered several houses and courtyards, damaging property. Nablus police said that they entered the village armed and broke into houses, damaged furniture, burned one car and smashed others, and wrote "Revenge" and "Blood" on walls in Hebrew.

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JOBS

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The principal aim is to reduce the number of illegal workers, thought to be above 80,000.

The proposals for job creation were put to Netanyahu after the ministers' senior aides spent Tuesday night and most of yesterday trying to compose a plan for an immediate reduction in unemployment.

Early in the day, following overnight media reports, Netanyahu told Neeman he found the Treasury's plans to cut the minimum wage and unemployment benefits unacceptable, according to IdO. As a result, the meeting on foreign workers was hastily arranged.

The package includes:

- Some 15,000 places to be made immediately available in professional training courses, both in workplaces and vocational colleges. The colleges will now open into the evening. The effect of this step will be the immediate removal of 15,000 from the unemployment register, but not that participants will be guaranteed jobs.

- University graduates, largely immigrants from the former Soviet Union, will be given special courses so they can find high-tech jobs.

- Encouraging the completion of regular education.

The program will cost the government NIS 690 million, all but NIS 60m. of which will come from existing Labor Ministry funds. The remainder will come equally from the Prime Minister's Office and the Treasury.

Additionally, next week the cabinet will discuss freezing the minimum wage, reducing unemployment benefits, and cutting the basic pension by some NIS 300 - all to take effect next year.

Both the Treasury and Labor Ministry were last night claiming victory, suggesting that it was their proposals that were accepted. One senior Labor Ministry official said all the plans came from Yishai's office and had been rejected by the Treasury during the past year.

Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein, one of those sidelined by last week's creation of the national economic council, meanwhile produced his own program for the immediate creation of 10,000 jobs.

His scheme includes the employment of 2,000 additional computer engineers, 1,000 science and technology teachers, loans and aid for 1,000 small businesses, which would each take on an average of two extra employees, and the distribution of 3,000 work permits for immigrant nurses. To provide those jobs together with courses for an additional 10,000 would cost NIS 100 million, he said.

CORRECTION

Beersheba District Court Judge Yehoshua Pilpel was not on the panel of judges which ruled in the case of a gang rape, as reported by Itim and published in The Jerusalem Post on July 27.

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Report: PM tells Ayalon to find new job

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON - Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has advised General Security Service chief Ami Ayalon to find another job in the new year, following a dispute over Ayalon's dire assessment of the consequences of continued deadlock in peace talks with the Palestinians.

Quoting Israeli intelligence sources, the newsletter *Foreign Report*, to be published in London today, said Ayalon warned of "inevitable" conflict between Israeli and Palestinian armed forces if the impasse continues. He is also said to have told Netanyahu that the conflict is likely to spread, affecting other parts of the Middle East and possibly leading to a break in diplomatic relations with Egypt and Jordan.

According to the newsletter,

Ayalon's predictions provoked anger in the Prime Minister's Office. Some of his aides suggested that Ayalon be dismissed and "Netanyahu has advised him to look for a new job in the new year."

Hinting that this might not be the end of the affair, the newsletter added that Ayalon has kept a written record of every meeting he has had with Netanyahu since the opening of the Western Wall Tunnel in Jerusalem, a decision which the newsletter said was taken in defiance of advice from the security services.

However, Netanyahu's spokesman Avigdor Bushinsky yesterday stated that the report is completely unfounded. "There is complete trust between the prime minister and Ayalon," he said.

Noah Strelitz contributed to this report.

Arafat names 10 new ministers

PLC: Cabinet reshuffle fails to address corruption charges

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat named the members of his new cabinet, which includes 10 new ministers but also includes those ministers accused of corruption.

Arafat created several new ministries, including those that would deal with Palestinian prisoners and Jewish settlements. Several of the new ministers were not given any defined responsibilities.

Many Palestinian Legislative Council members said Arafat's cabinet does not satisfy their demands for better government and the dismissal of ministers accused of over-spending and corruption.

In a PLC report last year, ministers Nabil Shaath, Jamil Tarifi and Ali Qawasme were named as those who spent tens of thousands of dollars of government money on their personal well-being, purchasing items such as

luxury cars and imported furniture.

"This doesn't solve any problem," said Hussam Khader, a Fatah representative from Nablus, "neither in the administrative or financial realm or in the realm of corruption. This ridicules the PLC and the Palestinian people."

PLC members said Arafat's presentation to the council in Ramallah of the new cabinet was greeted by hisses and boos. PA radio and television broadcast only portions of Arafat's speech and did not report any opposition.

One minister, Abdul Jawad Salah, transferred from his post as agriculture minister to minister without portfolio, said he would not accept what he termed a job bereft of authority.

"Instead of firing cabinet members suspected of corruption and prosecuting them, members who worked hard, were straight and faithful to their people were fired," he said. "This is a concept that spreads corruption and protects it."

Both Shaath and Tarifi praised the new cabinet. Tarifi said he saw Arafat's decision to retain him as a vindication of charges of corruption.

"I believe that the president embarked on a good step," Tarifi said.

PA officials said the new cabinet was meant to broaden Arafat's popular support, decrease criticism from the PLC and establish what one called "a cabinet of confrontation" amid the stalemate of the negotiations with the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Nine of the new ministers are PLC members.

"This is not a question of posts," Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein said, "but an attempt to recruit all the Palestinian forces to deal with the dangerous situation. The basis for these changes is the need to cope with the situation as relates to Israel more than the need to deal with the internal Palestinian situation."

In his speech, Arafat focused on the peace process. He called on the US to release its bridging proposals and blamed Israel for torpedoing the current negotiations.

Arafat's new cabinet includes: Hikmet Zeid, agriculture minister; Rafiq Natsha, labor minister; Saadi Al-Krunz, industry minister; Yusef Abu Safia, environment minister; Munther Sallah, higher education minister; Hanan Ashrawi, tourism minister; Nabil Amr, parliamentary affairs minister; Hisham Abdul Taamari, minister for prisoner affairs; Salah Taamari, minister to monitor Jewish settlements; Ziad Abu Ziad, minister without portfolio; Talal Sidr, minister without portfolio; Abdul Jawad Saleh, minister without portfolio.

Arafat removed Yasser Amr from his post as education minister.

Hassan Asfour was appointed minister without portfolio.

In all, 24 of the 31 ministers are members of the PLC.



Polish activists from the Solidarity 80 trade union erect a two-meter high wooden cross at the Gravel Pit in front of Auschwitz yesterday. (Reuters)

Naveh urges Poland to remove crosses at Auschwitz

The government yesterday urged Poland to act to remove a forest of crosses planted by Polish Catholics outside the former Auschwitz Nazi death camp.

"Cabinet Secretary Dan Naveh asked the Polish ambassador to work to remove the crosses at the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp, which harm the character of the site where millions of Jews were murdered," the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement.

Members of a Catholic workers' group last month erected some 50 crosses, one of them three meters high, just outside the walls of Auschwitz as part of a campaign to maintain Christian symbols at the site.

The directors of Yad Vashem this week said the erection of the crosses was a "provocative act" by "extremist groups" and urged their removal.

Yad Vashem said the crosses violated an international accord

under which no religious, ideological or political symbols would be erected at the site where 1.5 million people died during World War Two, 90 percent of them Jews.

One Catholic who held a 42-day fast to prevent the removal of a seven meter cross set up to mark a visit by Polish-born Pope John Paul said last month he wanted "the entire escarpment to team with crosses."

Polish clergymen have distanced themselves from the crosses without condemning them outright.

Auschwitz has long been the focus of a struggle between Jews who see the camp as the world's largest Jewish burial ground and Catholics who say they also have a right to pray at the site.

About 3.3 million Jews lived in Poland before World War Two.

Some 90 percent were murdered by the Germans and most survivors later left after anti-semitic episodes.

The Papal cross was placed in the garden of a Catholic convent which was itself the subject of an international Jewish outcry and was vacated in 1993. (Reuters)

Defense officials said urging nuclear second-strike capability

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON - Israeli Defense Ministry officials are reportedly pressing the government to approve a policy that will give Israel the ability to retaliate after sustaining a nuclear attack to deter any state from launching such a strike.

According to the London-based newsletter *Foreign Report*, Israeli intelligence knew of Iran's plan to test the medium-range Shihab-3 missile, but analysts were surprised by the timing of the test.

Senior Defense Ministry officials were quoted as saying that Israeli policy-makers were jolted into dealing with the fact that Israel's nuclear monopoly in the Middle East was rapidly eroding.

Strategic planners now believe

Iran could deploy several batteries of the missiles within two or three years, and experts believe Iran will need the same amount of time to produce its first nuclear device.

They are therefore coming to terms with the possibility that Israel's nuclear deterrent will no longer be effective, as Iran's first-strike nuclear capability might disable or destroy Israel's ability to retaliate.

Israel, says the newsletter, will therefore have to find an alternative delivery system to its vulnerable long-range bombers and ballistic missiles. The obvious and perhaps only alternative, it continues, is a second-strike capability based at sea, with three German-built submarines, expected to be deployed next year, providing the

basis for submarine-launched cruise missiles.

According to defense sources quoted by the newsletter, the only missiles which could be launched from the three Dolphin-type submarines are somewhat like the Tomahawk ground-launched cruise missiles used by the US during the Gulf War.

Israel has yet to master the intricacies of cruise missiles, but the army has already ordered the development of tactical short-range versions, which would be used against neighboring Arab states. Defense analysts believe that once Israel has mastered the technology, it will be able to manufacture longer-range cruise missiles within a short time, creating the foundation for developing a second-strike capability.

Lebanese man killed by IDF artillery

TYRE (AP) - The IDF fired on Shi'ite villages in southern Lebanon yesterday, killing a Lebanese man, security officials said.

They said the victim was driving on the road between Zibqine and Jebel al-Boutom, just outside the security zone, when his car was hit by a shell and caught fire.

The officials and state-run Beirut radio said the dead man was possibly a Hizbullah official, but Hizbullah said it had no information on the man's identity.

Meanwhile, Beirut's *Daily Star* newspaper reported that Israel is testing a new guided missile in South Lebanon before placing it on the international arms market. It said the mini-cruise missile is being manufactured by the state-owned Rafael armaments development company.

But Rafael spokesman Noah Shahar denied Israel is manufacturing or developing the missile, which the *Star* identified as "almost certainly" the Dandy, also known as "Long Spike." Shahar said the only missile Rafael manufactures is the 2.5 kilometer "fire and forget" GIL.

The newspaper said a civilian has been killed and four others wounded by the Israeli-made missile during the past three months.

"The Israelis are using Lebanese as human guinea pigs," it said in an editorial.

There was no immediate comment or confirmation on the report from Lebanese officials. The IDF also did not immediately comment.

Unlike the GIL, or "Short Spike" anti-tank missile, which is shoulder-fired, the long-range Dandy missile is designed to be launched from helicopters, the *Star* said.

It said the missile, guided by an optic fiber during the initial stages of flight, is much the same size as the standard US-made TOW anti-tank missile.

Sharon accuses Netanyahu's new spokesman of inaccuracy

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday accused Avigdor Bushinsky, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's new spokesman, of relaying a "report which is not true."

Sharon implied it was the prime minister who had given Bushinsky the false report.

"It's a pity that already on his first day, the prime minister's new spokesman was forced into giving a report which is not true," Sharon said.

Sharon made the accusation after Bushinsky responded to Sharon's criticism of the possibility that 3 percent of the Judean Desert be included in the second pullback.

Speaking at Likud headquarters on Tuesday night, Sharon said the Judean Desert is vital to Israel's security "and any concession there would be a precedent to far reaching concessions in the future."

Reiterating his position that no



Avigdor Bushinsky

"I've been here a week. I've tried to get an update. I failed. I did not receive information or see the maps," Sharon said.

Bushinsky responded that the prime minister had asked Sharon to join his meeting with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and to take part in the negotiations in other ways, but Sharon had refused. Netanyahu, according to Bushinsky, had been updating Sharon on the details of the negotiations and even had done so on Tuesday evening.

"This was simply not true," a source close to Sharon said. Sharon, who is regarded as candidate for prime minister by a number of right-wing leaders, has been getting many calls to contend for the post, especially since his recent announcement that he would present his candidacy "if the circumstances deem it necessary."

more than 9% should be handed over to the Palestinians, Sharon criticized the way the negotiations were being conducted and complained that he has not been updated on what was happening.

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EU rejects Israeli report on goods from territories

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

A 40-page Israeli report on goods produced beyond the Green Line has been dismissed by the European Commission as "not a basis for a serious discussion," according to an official in Brussels.

The informal dialogue between Israel and the commission has now been suspended, and the European Union might soon implement regulations that will effectively ban the import of Israeli goods that are produced in east Jerusalem, the Golan Heights, the West Bank and Gaza.

Trade relations between Israel

and the EU are governed by a 1996 economic accord that allows preferential tariffs and duties on Israeli exports to the EU and EU imports to Israel. The accord applies to goods produced in "the territory of the State of Israel," which EU officials now say excludes areas conquered in the Six Day War, although Israeli goods produced across the Green Line and exported to the EU have received preferential treatment since the first trade accord was signed in 1975.

An Israeli delegation held talks with commission officials in Brussels last June, and while no

progress was achieved, the Israeli delegates agreed to prepare a report as the basis for further discussions. Commission representatives provided a long list of points to be addressed, including questions relating to the export of goods from across the Green Line.

But the report, presented last month, was considered "highly technical and very theoretical and doesn't touch many of the issues we're interested in," a commission official told the London-based newsletter *Foreign Report*. The official added that the report did not deal with goods produced across the Green Line

"and its terminology reflects Israel's refusal to recognize the EU-Palestinian trade agreement." A commission source told the newsletter that progress would be impossible until Israel recognizes the July 1977 EU-Palestinian trade pact. Israeli officials object to the pact because they say it subverts the 1994 Paris Agreement - an Israeli-Palestinian economic accord which was incorporated into the Oslo agreement - and defines the geographic area of the Palestinian entity, thereby pre-judging the outcome of final status negotiations. However, the commission

source said that if Israel persists in its refusal to recognize the pact, EU importers would be instructed to "take special care" over documentation and tariffs relating to goods from across the Green Line. It could also impose tariffs on such goods retroactively for three years.

The commission is also concerned about allegations that Israel hampers Palestinian exports and imports, including trade with the EU.

A more serious problem could be the commission's refusal to recognize official Israeli certificates of origin and quality that accompany the goods from

across the Green Line. As virtually all goods traded internationally require certification, goods from across the Green Line would effectively be banned from Europe.

"The solution for the Israeli settlements - including those in east Jerusalem - would be to obtain certificates from the Palestinian Authority," the commission official said. "That would be legally acceptable for us, but we know that the Israelis would never do it."

In the same way, the commission official does not expect Israeli exports from the Golan Heights to be accompanied by export docu-

mentation from the Syrian government.

Foreign Ministry Director-General Eytan Bentsur visited Brussels in July for talks with European Commissioner for Mediterranean Affairs Manuel Marín, but he was reportedly snubbed because "Israel's stance precluded discussions."

"We won't have any more informal contacts with the Israelis if we're not discussing serious issues," the commission official added.

Today, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is expected to meet with ministers regarding the dialogue with the EU.

Syria, Iran helping Hizbullah rebels

By STEVE RODAN

Hizbullah is undergoing a violent split with the quiet support of Syria and Iran, both of which want to decrease its growing independence, a defense report says.

The report, prepared by defense analysts, predicts that the feud will turn increasingly violent as the splinter group amasses power and influence.

The rivalry pits Hizbullah secretary-general Hassan Nasrallah against Subhi Tufaili, the former Amal operative who became Hizbullah's first secretary-general in 1986. Tufaili, believed to have been involved in the kidnapping and killing of US soldiers in 1983, is regarded as more extreme than the current Hizbullah leadership and for the last year has been advocating a confrontational poli-

cy toward the Lebanese government.

In July 1997, Tufaili launched his movement "Revolution of the hungry" and declared a civil revolt of the Shi'ites in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, who are regarded as the poorest in the country and who deal extensively in the production of heroin. In contrast, Hizbullah is led by residents of south Lebanon.

Tufaili, whose first rally was attended by 10,000 people, is demanding that the Beirut government allocate more resources to the Bekaa and opposes any attempt to curtail the drug trade in the valley.

The report says Tufaili is sending his supporters to Syria for military training.

So far, about 200 Hizbullah militants have joined Tufaili. Hizbullah, in response, decided to

stop paying those who joined the splinter group.

The rise of Tufaili has led to a decline in Nasrallah's status in the Bekaa and Baalbek regions. The change has also been accompanied by violence. Tufaili supporters have attacked Hizbullah representatives in the Bekaa and destroyed their property.

Tufaili has been supported by Hizbullah's spiritual leader, Sheikh Hussein Fadlallah, who claims to be the Shi'ite spiritual authority, rather than Iran's Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Another supporter is Amal leader and Lebanese parliament speaker Nabil Berri, who prefers to see a divided Hizbullah to ensure his position in the Lebanese government.

The feud has turned so bitter that Nasrallah has appealed to Iran for a religious edict that

would allow him to assassinate Tufaili.

The report says Syria supports Tufaili because unlike Hizbullah, he does not threaten Damascus's interest in Lebanon, which provides jobs for more than 800,000 Syrian laborers. To make up for its dwindling ranks, Hizbullah is now open to any Lebanese, regardless of religion.

Tufaili has gone into hiding since February, after his supporters took over a religious seminary in Baalbek and were expelled in a bloody clash with Lebanese army troops. He is believed to be protected with the help of Syria and Iran.

During Lebanese municipal elections, Tufaili won a seat in the Bekaa Valley town of Brital. The victory was followed by clashes with Hizbullah supporters in the town.



Workers at the Road 1 construction site prepare urns yesterday in advance of the reburial of remains from ancient graves in keeping with a halachic ruling. (Brian Hendler)

Excavations begin at Road 1 site

By AMY KLEIN

Haredi demonstrators were kept away by police as the Antiquities Authority finally began excavations yesterday at Pisgat Ze'ev's Road 1 construction site in northern Jerusalem.

The Authority and the Hevra Kadisha excavated seven sets of remains, and reburied them about 60 meters below their current location. The remains are believed to be from the Byzantine period.

A three-week delay over excavations ended yesterday after the Jerusalem Rabbinical Council issued a second letter restating their halachic ruling - that bones found on the site could be reburied.

Some haredi groups oppose the ruling, and dozens of haredim have demonstrated daily at the site.

But police received strict orders to block anyone from entering the construction site, and they dispersed some 30 haredim.

Later in the day, hundreds of haredim demonstrated in Mea She'arim to protest the excavations. Some threw rocks and set fire to large garbage bins, blocking Kikar Shabbat, police said. One haredi man was injured.

Milo: NRP man forcing Tel Aviv Port nightlife to close on Shabbat

By NINA GILBERT and Tim

New businesses opening in the Port of Tel Aviv must agree to remain closed on Shabbat and Jewish holidays.

The change, Mayor Ronni Milo said at a press conference yesterday, came about because the Otzar Mifalei Yam company, which manages the area for the Transport Ministry, recently made this a condition for granting a tender to operate a business.

The change, Milo said, was instituted by the company's managing director, Shimon Asoulin, a National Religious Party appointee who has been in the post since the start of the year.

without the knowledge or approval of the board of directors.

"It is a serious matter that the company changed the terms of its contracts," Milo said. "When I took office, I decided to turn the port into an area of nightlife and entertainment, in part because it wouldn't disturb the neighbors as it's not a residential area. The area has undergone a face-lift, but the new contract terms will close it on Shabbat and holidays."

"It is an unprecedented blow to nightlife in Tel Aviv; it's seizing new regulations that weren't in effect before. Where are we going? This change was not hap-

penstance; it was a dictate from above. It's a move by religious interests who want to change the lifestyle of our society."

Milo added that the change could cost the city millions of shekels in lost revenue, as businesses decline to open under the new conditions. He noted that the city is considering legal action, "because in this government, there's no one to talk to."

Transport Ministry spokesman Avner Ovadia responded that he was unaware of the change in the contract's terms, but was certain that if such a change was made, it had the approval of the company's board, despite Milo's claim to the contrary.

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No resolution to health fund crisis

By JUDY SIEGEL

Although Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had asked for a solution to the health funding crisis by yesterday, there was a "complete deadlock" in talks between the health funds and the government last night.

A Health Ministry spokesman said that Netanyahu's preoccupation with the high unemployment rate and of keeping down taxes have so far made it difficult to resolve the crisis, which requires a major infusion of public money and the unpopular move of patient fees.

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza stated yesterday, however, that "we have good news for the people of Israel: There will be no monthly payment directly to their health fund," as Netanyahu realized that such a fee - levied either according to income or a head tax not determined by whether health fund members used its services or not - would not make it through the Knesset Finance Committee.

Matza said he still preferred an increase in health taxes from 4.8% of monthly income to 5% to help cover the health system's deficit (now NIS 2 billion), but that there was no chance this would be approved this year. "I'll push it in 1999," he said.

Matza was also not enthusiastic about increasing the cost of prescription drugs or of instituting a fee for visiting specialists or out-



Health Minister Yehoshua Matza (left) chats with director Dr. David Applebaum during a visit to Jerusalem's private Terem emergency health care facility yesterday.

patient clinics, but this idea is unlikely to get support. Transport Minister Shaul Yahalom made these users' fees even less likely, when he issued a

statement "strongly opposing an additional tax for medications and visits to doctors. These dead-end ideas should be abandoned. Instituting a special payment for

visiting doctors and higher costs for medications will mean that many people, especially the poor and elderly, will forgo vital treatments... any solution of a pro-

gressive tax that's not in the framework of the health tax is doomed to failure and strong opposition from the National Religious Party."

Panel approves sexual harassment guidelines

The Knesset Committee on the Status of Women yesterday approved guidelines defining sexual harassment which the Justice Ministry developed with the help of the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry.

Under the guidelines, sexual harassment is defined as:

- Pressuring someone to participate in a sexual act.
- Committing an indecent act on someone against her or his will.
- Repeated verbal sexual advances, after the subject has made his or her lack of interest clear.
- Repeated references to someone's sexuality, after the subject has made clear his or her lack of

interest in discussing this.

• Humiliating someone due to her or his sex or sexual orientation.

The ministries were asked to develop the guidelines after the Prevention of Sexual Harassment Law was passed in March. After the law goes into effect on September 20, all employers with 25 or more workers must post the guidelines and institute procedures for addressing complaints of sexual harassment.

The new law, considered the most wide-ranging sexual harassment law in the world, holds employers responsible for preventing sexual harassment. (Itim)

Meretz's Chazan to run for J'lem mayor

By AMY KLEIN

Meretz MK Naomi Chazan, in a surprise move, yesterday announced her candidacy for mayor of Jerusalem, following resignation of the local Meretz leader Ornan Yekutieli.

Chazan will be the first woman to run for the office.

Yekutieli, who was running for city council but not for mayor, will create a new "non-partisan" city council list. He has not decided if he will run for mayor on this new list.

Immediately after Yekutieli resigned, Meretz leaders approached Chazan and asked her to run for mayor and head the Meretz list.

"The time has come to make the city open for everyone," Chazan said. "My path is clear."

She outlined her campaign goals as fighting religious coercion, creating equality between Arabs and Jews, and increasing employment opportunities to stop people from leaving the city.

Yekutieli, who headed the Meretz Jerusalem list for the past 10 years, doesn't believe Chazan is serious about running for mayor. "Everyone knows that no one can beat the mayor [Ehud Olmert]," he said. "The elections are essentially only for city council, and Chazan is

running as a gimmick to get more people to vote."

"If I run, I run to win," Chazan said. If she does win, the law requires she resign her Knesset seat.

Yekutieli resigned, he said, because the national Meretz leadership would not give enough seats on the list to non-Meretz candidates.

"For the last four months I tried to convince the Meretz leadership to create a separate, non-partisan party that represents the moderately religious, the traditional, and the secular," Yekutieli said.

But national Meretz leaders called Yekutieli's decision "unappreciative" and "irresponsible,"

and attributed it to years of intense party infighting.

"I have done everything possible to prevent this split," said Meretz leader MK Yossi Sarid. "In the last few years, relations in the [Jerusalem Meretz] branch have been tense and nasty."

"Meretz accepted everything Ornan requested," Chazan said. "But he decided he's going to run by himself. It's thoroughly unfathomable, but if that's the way he behaves, we will run a serious race for mayor."

Chazan will shortly contact other mayoral candidates and parties running for city council in order to form an opposition coalition. Hadash chairman, Nazim Bader, who recently announced his candidacy because Meretz had not fielded a candidate, said he will talk to Meretz to check the possibility of joining its list.



MK Naomi Chazan (Ariel Ziv/Kelel)

NEWS

in brief

2 six-year-olds sexually assaulted in Carmiel

Two six-year-old girls have complained to Carmiel police about being sexually assaulted by an unknown person on Tuesday. The girls said that the person, whose exact age they could not give, took them by force to some bushes and carried out indecent acts. The girls were taken for examinations at Nahariya Hospital, where staff confirmed their complaints. No one has been arrested thus far. (Itim)

Man charged with raping hospital patient

A 32-year-old Haifa man was accused yesterday of raping a 14-year-old girl who was hospitalized in the same ward as his daughter at Haifa's Carmel Government Hospital. Haifa Magistrate's Court released him on NIS 25,000 bail and placed him under house arrest for six days. The suspect said that he had kissed the girl, but denies raping her. The case is "based on a child's imagination," his lawyer said. (Itim)

Policeman suspected of rapes kept in remand

The Haifa Magistrate's Court yesterday extended by five days the remand of Meir Kadosh, a policeman from Acre suspected of carrying out three rapes.

The judge, Ehud Rakam, said there is evidence which links the suspect to the crimes attributed to him, but at this point more is hidden than is known. The remand was extended in light of the severity of the crime and the fact that the relations established with one of the women were based on Kadosh's being a policeman. Police will continue their investigation during the five days. (Itim)

120-year-old woman hospitalized for head injury

When Tala Srur, of Moshav Margaliyot, was admitted to Safed's Rebecca Sieff Hospital yesterday the doctor was surprised to learn that she was 120 years old. Her head was slightly injured when she fell on Tuesday. The secret to her long, healthy life is a blessing she got from a rabbi in Kurdistan before she immigrated here over 50 years ago, one of her relatives said, adding, "She is careful to eat only healthy food, not to get angry, to take life lightly - even Karyusha rockets don't disturb her tranquility." (Itim)

Fire breaks out on gambling ship

A tragedy was averted yesterday morning when a fire broke out on the gambling boat *Royal Montana*, which sails in the Gulf of Eilat, just one hour after the last among 300 gamblers had disembarked. One man was injured by smoke inhalation.

The fire started during the early morning hours when the ship was moored at a platform in Eilat port, after completing its second sailing of the day. A crew member discerned that a fire had broken out and called firefighters, who combated the blaze without boarding the ship after their commander decided not to put their lives at risk. The two lower floors of the vessel were completely destroyed by the blaze. (Itim)

Man remanded for assaulting mother

Gennady Degayev, 28, of Kiryat Ata, who allegedly assaulted his mother, was remanded for five days by Haifa Magistrate's Court yesterday. According to police, Degayev ignored a restraining order forbidding him from visiting his mother's home and went there to ask her for money. When she refused, he punched her in the face, breaking a tooth, and threatened her with a knife. (Itim)

Teen hacker arrested

A 16 year old was placed under house arrest on suspicion of hacking into the computer systems and telephone lines of companies here and abroad.

He was arrested on Tuesday and police confiscated computer equipment from his home. He was released on bail yesterday and placed under house arrest.

The Kav Manhe company complained to police that its computer system was illegally accessed and

tampered with, causing the system to crash.

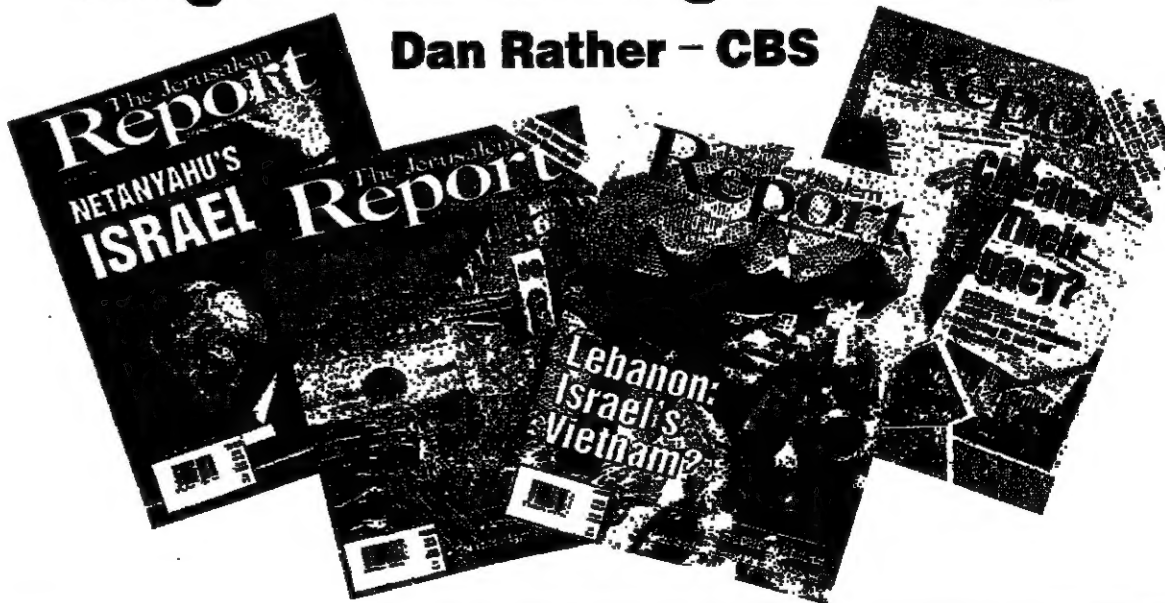
The hacker then allegedly contacted the company and offered to undo the damage in exchange for a fast connection to the Internet.

The hacker also is suspected of tampering with the systems of other companies, forging an electronic ID and illegally accessing telephone lines. (Itim)

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Pushing the press

The status of its newspapers is an excellent gauge on what's happening in the Middle East. On the positive side, more journalists are struggling for free expression. Often, though, they are losing. And many – perhaps even most – Arab reporters are happy to repeat old ideological formulae.

Two recent items characterize that situation. After returning from a meeting of journalists in Cairo, leaders of the Palestinian journalists' association decided to bar members from any strictly non-professional contacts with Israelis. Influenced by other Arab press groups which have already implemented such policies, the organization denies free expression to its own members in their private lives.

And who's to say what constitutes gathering background information or cultivating sources? Meanwhile in Iran editors are testing the limits of the openness proclaimed by President Mohammad Khatami. The newspaper *Tous* was shut down by authorities last week for advocating more democracy.

This week it reopened as *Afshar-e Emrooz*, headlining the story of an organized mob's attack on the paper's office and death threats against editor Mahmoud Shams. Iran's chief judge, Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi, a member of the hardline faction, ominously threatened, "The people will not tolerate such newspapers."

Of course, dictators are always quick to invoke the wrath of the people when a newspaper criticizes them. Throughout the Middle East, state-controlled radio and television have limits on their freedom though the extent of openness varies from place to place.

New press laws in Jordan and Egypt, generally among the freest places for publishing, have worried journalists. Yet there is a real problem with super-sensationalist newspapers and extremists whose calls for violence often inspire killings.

After the death recently of Nizar Qabbani, widely considered the Arab world's leading poet, writes Adel Darwish in the *Middle East Review of International Affairs* (MERIA) News, a heated argument developed on whether airing some of Qabbani's love poetry "might offend the sensibilities of conservative Arab sheikhs" in the audience or among the station's sponsors.

The final decision, notes Darwish, was that it was better to focus on love poetry than risk a live discussion on "Qabbani's political poetry, where traditional Arab rulers seldom appear in a favorable light."

One poem unmentioned on

the broadcast was Qabbani's 1990 masterpiece "Abu Jahl [the father of ignorance] buys Fleet Street."

The poem, explains Darwish, "aired the frustration of many Arab journalists who escaped to London and Paris only to become helplessly enslaved by petrodollars in the hands of illiterate conservative paymasters.... [Qabbani's] prophecy was fulfilled: not one single Arab media organization in Europe was left independent to report freely on Arab or international affairs."

Having a variety of sources, of course, is a better way to gain some freedom of information. One of the few reliable sources we have for attitudes regarding the media comes from The Center for Palestine Research and Studies in Nablus, whose findings are intriguing. Some 33 percent of Palestinians most trust their own PA-run radio station, while 17% prefer Israel radio, another 17% have most confidence in the BBC or Radio Monte Carlo, and around 8% favor Egyptian or Jordanian stations.

Regarding television, while about 26% favored Palestinian television, about 47% thought Jordanian, Israeli, Egyptian, or Middle East Broadcasting Corporation (a Saudi-backed, London-based station) was better. Finally, when it came to newspapers, a whopping 52% thought *Al-Quds* the best newspaper – 700% more than preferred the PA's official *Al-Hayat al-Jadida*.

In Arab states, one would suspect, audiences are equally discerning (or suspicious) but lack either the opportunity to diversify their news sources or the relative freedom to admit that they do so.

The Arab media's three big problems are censorship (imposed by governments or self-imposed to avoid punishment), the imposition of a radical political line by the journalists themselves, and the prevalence of opinion over reporting.

At the same time, though, there is a huge amount of accurate reporting and independent thinking as well. Some columnists give strikingly good analyses of issues. Vitriolic self-criticism of shortcomings can be found, as well as exposure of corruption and social injustices.

On international news, the heavy use of wire services sometimes provides a larger measure of objectivity on matters, including Israel, than one might suspect. Simply fishing in the Arab press for the most extreme or ridiculous quotations does not give the whole picture. Finding the pearls, though, is much harder work.



Barry Rubin

Violence undercuts relief work

As relief workers are targeted in trouble spots, the UN is taking unprecedented measures to ensure their safety – at the cost of those who desperately need help

By CRAIG TURNER

For the first time in the 53-year history of the United Nations, it is more dangerous to be a UN humanitarian worker handing out food to the starving or helping refugees than to be a soldier on peacekeeping duty in a war zone.

The hazards were underlined in July when seven UN workers – five civilians and two military observers – were killed in a single week in three incidents in Asia and Africa.

The violence came as officials at the UN High Commission for Refugees prepared to mark the six-month anniversary of the abduction of Victor Cochetel, their duty-station chief in the Russian city of Vladikavkaz.

Seven dead is an extraordinary toll for one week, but it illustrates an alarming trend of killings, kidnappings and attacks involving humanitarian workers. The UN security office in New York calculates that 17 civilian aid workers have been killed this year, equal to the toll for all of 1997. In comparison, only eight peacekeepers have been killed this year.

The increased danger is forcing top UN officials to rethink the way they go about their job. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who ordered a full reassessment of staff security arrangements in the wake of the latest killings, recently acknowledged that the organization may be reaching the point where it will refuse to deploy aid workers in some areas, regardless of the scale of the humanitarian crisis.

The UN recently considered, then rejected, withdrawing humanitarian workers from Afghanistan after UN officials there were repeatedly harassed and occasionally assaulted by representatives of the Taliban, the extremist Islamic militia that controls most of the country.

The decision followed by a few days the unsolved killing of two local workers affiliated with a UN agency.

Sadako Ogata, the UN high commissioner for refugees, blames the rising toll on the changing nature of warfare in the post-Cold War environment and the shifting role of the UN. Aid workers today are more likely than ever before to be plunged into civil and guerrilla conflicts where the front lines may shift by the hour and chain



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of command and respect for the rules of warfare barely exist.

The UN routinely dispatches aid workers to areas that the US and other Western powers consider too hazardous, unstable or unpredictable for military personnel.

For example, the Security Council, heavily influenced by the US, balked at sending an armed force into Central Africa while ethnic and civil war raged through Rwanda, Burundi and the former Zaire from 1994 through 1997. But UN refugee workers were there and paid a high price: 36 people killed or missing.

The situation has been building for years. From 1992 through last year, 139 UN humanitarian workers died in the line of duty and 141 were taken hostage, according to Ogata. Today, more than half the programs maintained by the refugee agency are in places considered too dangerous for foreign workers to bring their families.

In her office here, Ogata explained the situation. "Today there are very few international

workers where the rules of engagement are clear; you mostly have internal wars between various political factions, ethnic groups and even mafias," she said. "The human costs are so high that... the humanitarian agencies are encouraged to take it on. In today's age, you cannot just leave children, women, old people to their fate."

But in such fluid conflicts, UN workers can be politicized, inviting retaliation from one side or another. In central Africa, for example, UN-sponsored refugee camps became de facto havens for Hutu militiamen responsible for the genocide of ethnic Tutsi in Rwanda.

Refugee workers were unprepared and unable to separate the genuinely needy from the fighters, who used the camps as bases for murderous raids into Rwanda.

The impasse earned the UN the lasting enmity of Tutsi and the Rwandan government. UN officials, particularly foreigners, also can become magnets for common criminals, particularly in

regions where law enforcement has broken down.

Officials believe, for example, that Cochetel is being held for ransom by a gang in Russia's separatist republic of Chechnya, where at least 60 others, including many foreign businessmen, are reported to be held captive.

The 37-year-old Frenchman, who supervised a staff of 39 dealing with the refugee fallout from the Chechen rebellion, was taken from his house in Vladikavkaz in January. UN officials refuse to discuss the case, but say they believe he is alive and in reasonably good condition. Russian media reports have said the kidnappers are seeking a \$1.5 million ransom.

For Cochetel's wife, Florence, who lives with the couple's daughters, Sarah, 7, and Salome, 5, the anguish – and the irony – is nearly unbearable.

"He was really fighting to help the Chechen people who were in deep need after the war, and now he is paying heavily," she said. "It is so outrageous that aid workers are the ones targeted.... Working as a humanitarian worker has become too risky."

The UN already has increased security training and awareness among aid workers and is considering additional measures, such as training local police in areas where humanitarian workers are deployed.

But increased security is no guarantee of safety. One of the seven employees shot to death in one week, an Italian killed in Burundi, had been assigned a security guard, who was overpowered by the three gunmen, one of whom was armed with an AK-47 assault rifle.

Some private aid organizations – which face similar hazards – have taken to hiring armed escorts in the most lawless sectors of the world, such as northern Iraq, Sudan and Somalia. One UN refugee official estimated that as many as 300 armed men were hired as a virtual private army to ensure the safety of aid workers in northern Iraq.

UN policy opposes such security tactics, but as a practical matter, the UN works side by side with private organizations and often shares in the security arrangements, officials acknowledge. (Los Angeles Times)

Doing Shanghai, American style

In order to lure, and keep, expatriate managers happy abroad, companies are increasingly buying into expensive re-creations of American suburbia in places like Shanghai

By MAGGIE FARLEY

The air in the homes here at Shanghai Links, an American-style "executive community," on the outskirts of one of China's biggest cities, is rarefied indeed – carefully filtered until it reaches hospital standards. The specially treated water, unlike nearly any other in China, is pure enough to drink from the tap. Even the garbage is going to be sterilized.

While a growing number of multinational executives are being brought to China because of their companies' commitment to globalization, more and more are moving to places such as Shanghai Links, a re-created American suburbia with rolling lawns, two-car garages, ranch-style homes – and its own school, shopping mall and golf course – all only six minutes away from the new international airport.

Living here, you don't even have to admit that you're in China – and for some families, that's the best thing about it.

Relocation surveys, such as one by consultants Towers Perrin, show that one in six Americans placed overseas

returns home within a year because of adjustment and family problems. Even the ones who stay can spend more than half their day dealing with personal matters, such as soothing an unhappy spouse or getting a foreign driver's license.

Companies insist that the \$18,000-a-month rents, \$20,000-a-year school fees and \$60,000 cost to join the American Club are worth it to keep their expatriates happy and turnover low.

Meet the Lomasons. Keith Lomason's company manufactures seat frames for Shanghai Volkswagen. His father started the business in Detroit, and Keith, who learned Chinese in the Marines, brought it to Shanghai. He needs to be here and, most important, he wants to be here.

But his wife, Chris, who followed him here in 1996 with their baby son and without any Chinese-language ability, isn't so sure about living in China.

"Put it this way: The first year, we went back to Michigan for Thanksgiving and I didn't come back until March," she said. "I couldn't face it."

The Lomasons were the first family to move into Shanghai Links when the initial phase opened in July. Their house is on the edge of the Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course and has a view of where the Yangtze River empties into the South China Sea.

Billy, now 3, rampages through the spacious house and races around the neighborhood on his training-wheeled bicycle.

"You could say we really moved here for Billy," who had been getting bronchial infections about every six weeks from the pollution in the city center, said his mother, Chris. "He's never had a lawn before except for a strip of grass that was so small the workers cut it with scissors."

Critics worry that exclusive enclaves like this one only emphasize the division between expatriates and the Chinese community and markets they are supposed to be learning to understand.

In the first half of the century, Shanghai was divided into foreign districts with their own police forces and immunity from local laws. The houses at Shanghai Links, with names such as "the Montgomery" and "the Rosecliff," are imported

Canadian models built by imported North American construction workers, and only reinforce the sense of old-style separation.

In a combination of awe, jest and contempt, others living in Shanghai – foreign and Chinese – refer to Shanghai Links as "The American Concession," a modern reincarnation of the Ugly American. But the Seal Development Group believes that such "executive communities" are the wave of the future.

"This is a prototype," Chief Executive Barry Hansen said as he stretched across a couch in a model home filled with furniture from California companies. The \$500 million development is 40 percent owned by Bankers Trust, New York Life and six North American pension funds. The construction is financed by bonds backed by the five-figure rents from multinationals.

The company projects annualized returns to be 30 percent and hopes to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange in five years. "We're planning communities like this in 15 other emerging markets," Hansen said.

"This is what it takes to attract

senior management to an unfamiliar country and to keep people happy. In the long run, the environment provides continuity and helps avoid the onerous cost of repatriating people to the US."

But for how long? If the transplanted executives do their job well, passing on the corporate culture and home office know-how to locals, the high-priced managers will certainly become less important as the emerging markets mature.

Already, multinationals in China are trying to bring in more internationally minded local managers who don't demand the budget-busting benefits.

"Every company is talking about localization now, but it's exactly when markets are tough that you need experts in the office who have experience," said Helen Tanian, the chief representative in Shanghai for US-based Korn/Ferry International, a headhunting firm. But demands on performance are getting tougher.

"There's not much point in having an expat in China if they're only doing their own job," Tanian said. "They must be able to pass skills down." (Los Angeles Times)

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EU checks Kosovo massacre reports

News agencies

PRISTINA — The European Union sent observers yesterday to check reports of mass graves containing hundreds of bodies in a Kosovo town where Serbian forces routed ethnic Albanian guerrillas last month.

Austrian, German and Swedish newspapers said graves containing more than 500 corpses had been found at a landfill some 700 meters from Orahovac, 60 km southwest of the Kosovo capital Pristina.

"Shocked gravediggers believe they counted more than 567 people, 430 of them children, in one of the [graves]," the Austrian newspaper *Die Presse* said. "Survivors from the massacre at Orahovac tell how load after load of corpses were driven here and buried under broken glass, rotting vegetables and gravel," wrote Niclas Lovkvist, a reporter for Sweden's *Expressen*.

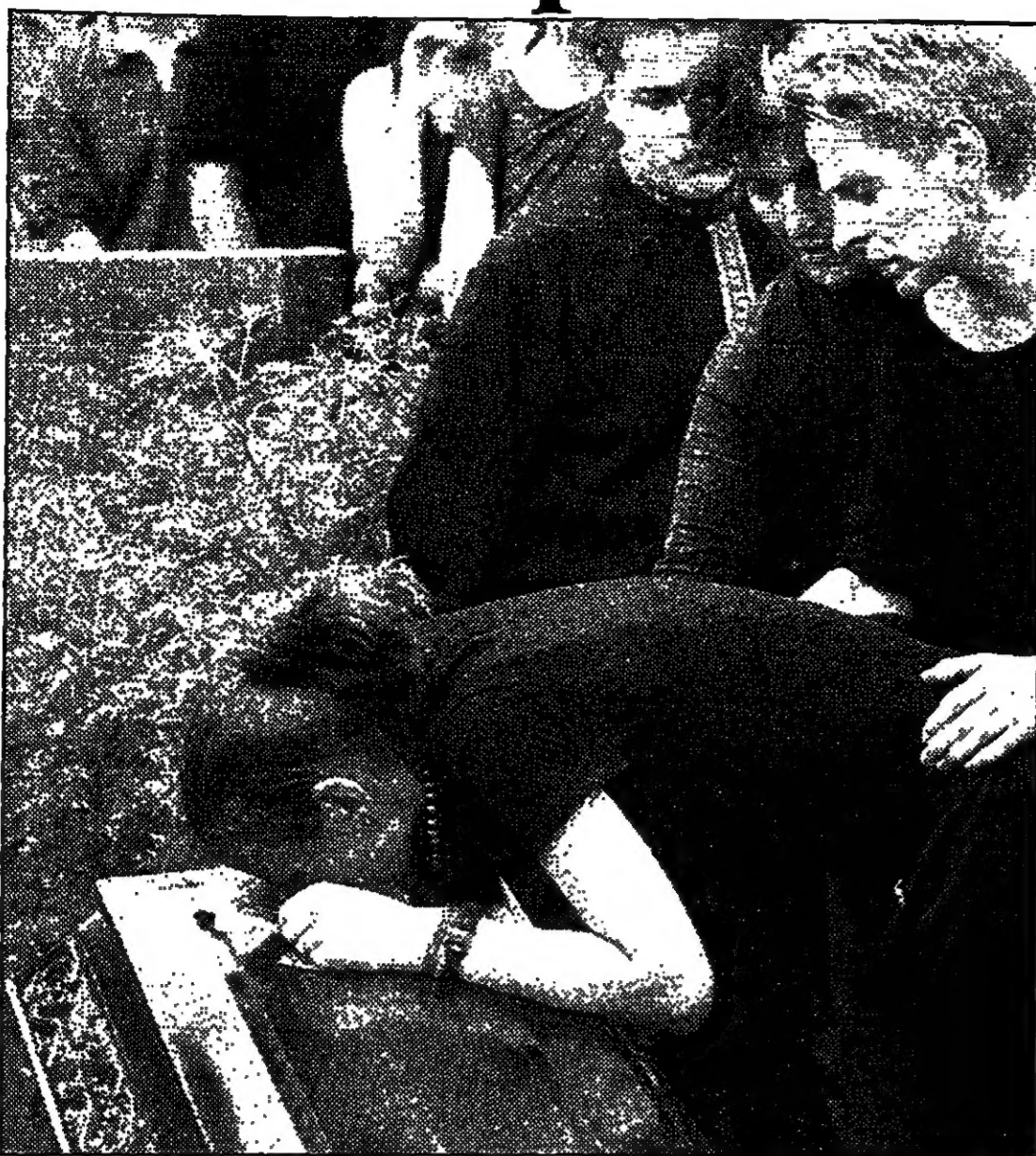
In Orahovac, Serbian police denied the reports, saying, "This is not a mass grave. These are the bodies of terrorists, properly buried in accordance with the law at the Moslem cemetery in Orahovac."

Austrian Foreign Minister Wolfgang Schuessel, whose country holds the EU presidency, said: "We have asked the EU observer mission in Kosovo to verify these reports urgently." If confirmed, the reports would mark an extremely serious escalation of the crisis which "would have to be dealt with appropriately," he said.

British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said: "If there is any truth in these horrifying accounts we must have a firm and united international response." He planned to speak to Schuessel and US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright later in the day.

Information from the EU team was not expected until late yesterday, diplomats said. The Serbian-run media center in Kosovo organized a convoy of reporters to Orahovac to investigate the reports. *Die Presse* said its correspondent, Erich Rathfelder, visited the graves on Tuesday among vineyards near the road to Suva Reka. Bodies were still being buried there.

Rathfelder told "Austrian state radio that the numbers he cited were provided by people who took part in the burials. Thousands of ethnic Albanians,



Borjanka Livic weeps over a coffin containing the remains of her son Nemanja, during his funeral yesterday in Belgrade. Nemanja was killed in a recent border clash between Albanian arms smugglers and Yugoslav Army border guards in the restive Serbian province of Kosovo. (AP)

who make up 80 percent of Orahovac's peacetime population of 20,000, fled the town after a bid by guerrillas of the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) to take control was beaten off by Serbian security forces.

Western governments, increasingly concerned about the fate of nearly 200,000 ethnic Albanians driven from their homes during five months of fighting in the Serbian province of Kosovo, have urged Yugoslav President

Slobodan Milosevic to halt an offensive against the KLA.

Die Presse quoted Orahovac inhabitants who stayed put as saying the Serbs had killed 1,000 civilians between July 18 and July 21. At the dump, bulldozers had covered the two mass graves with earth but several corpses were still lying above ground and could be seen from a distance, the conservative broadsheet said. Unusually fierce heat had accelerated the decomposition.

Veton Surroi, a prominent ethnic Albanian politician who visited the dump Tuesday, said as many as 200 Albanians were killed in Orahovac, most of them in a mosque where they had taken refuge.

Die Presse also cited "non-Albanian sources" as saying Serbian special security forces used human shields as they drove the KLA out of Orahovac. It said the Serbs then carried out house-to-house searches, exterminating whole families.

Congressional Democrats show support for Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cheers, whistles and hollers greeted US President Bill Clinton as he and an army of administration officials met with the House Democratic caucus for the first time since the president announced he would testify in the Monica Lewinsky investigation.

"I'm going to raise issues, raise money and raise Cain to help elect Democrats," the president raucously pledged in the closed-door meeting, according to two people in the room.

The roiling Lewinsky controversy, which will peak when Clinton testifies to the grand jury August 17, did not specifically come up at the meeting, Democrats said.

But the pep-rally atmosphere cheered many Democrats, who privately worried that the probe's results will overshadow the party's agenda this election year.

"We've got a very unified position on the issues," Minority Leader Richard Gephardt said in an interview after the meeting. "He's the president, we're the minority in the Congress, we're trying to be the majority, and he is really helping us articulate our message."

Also cheering Democrats were the millions of dollars Clinton was raising for them.

Texas Rep. Martin Frost, head of the House Democrats' re-election committee, reminded this morning's assembly that the president has headlined 12 of their fund-raising events and raised \$8 million. He was bagging another \$1.2 million for the party at a dinner yesterday evening, 24 hours after a \$300,000 reception.

Bedrock loyalists in the Hispanic and black communities brushed off concerns about the Lewinsky matter.

"We're not fair-weather friends. We will be with you to the end," Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., told Clinton Tuesday night.

In an earlier White House meeting on minority issues, Clinton cemented the already loyal backing of about a dozen Hispanic lawmakers. There, too, the Lewinsky investigation did not come up.

Democrat Rep. Jose Serrano, a member of the congressional Hispanic caucus, said he got a polite "thank you" but no more discussion when he prefaced policy comments to the president with words of personal support.

Back home in the Bronx section of New York City, thick with Clinton loyalists and Democratic party stalwarts, "it's still the economy, stupid," Serrano said.

Meanwhile, making the most of his latest court victories, Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr is calling key members of the White House legal team before a grand jury.

Administration officials fear he may even summon the chief counsel to the president.

Legal strategist Lanny Brewer testified Tuesday, and returned to the courthouse yesterday for a sealed proceeding in US District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson's courtroom to discuss his refusal to answer certain questions in his initial testimony Tuesday, legal sources said. Johnson is presiding over the grand jury.

Brewer left the courthouse without commenting.

But the legal sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the rulings that cleared the way for Brewer's testimony left open the possibility that the White House could try to block certain questioning by making additional claims of attorney-client privilege or resurrecting its earlier claim of executive privilege, which it dropped earlier this spring.

Meanwhile, former White House deputy chief of staff Harold Ickes arrived yesterday to give testimony to the grand jury.

Congo accuse Rwanda of trying to start Tutsi rebellion

By KAMANGA MUTOMU

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — Laurent Kabila's government accused neighboring Rwanda yesterday of sending troops to help a Tutsi-led rebellion in eastern Congo, where rebels reportedly captured two key cities.

Rwanda's state-run radio reported today that rebels had captured Bukavu and Goma, the two biggest cities in the Kivu region, near the border with Rwanda. The report, which gave no details, could not be independently confirmed.

A Rwandan official, who asked not to be further identified, said Bizima Karaha, an ethnic Tutsi and Congo's foreign minister had arrived in Goma, apparently to take up sides with the rebels.

Fighting was reported on Tuesday in Bukavu and in Kibanga, on the opposite side of Congo near the Atlantic coast and about 140 miles southwest of the capital, Kinshasa.

"Almost 400 army forces have come from Rwanda and have caused Congolese bloodshed," government spokesman Didier Mufungizi said.

He confirmed heavy fighting in Kibanga on Tuesday, but refused to elaborate on who was in control of the

town or its military base after rebel gunmen forced an airplane they had hijacked to land there.

The hijackers were believed to be Banyamulenge Tutsi fighters from Goma. Kabila says Rwanda and its troops, along with the Banyamulenge, are behind the rebellion in the east.

But Rwanda denies involvement, saying it is not in control of the troops and doesn't even officially recognize they are in Congo.

Mumungizi called on the international community to monitor Rwanda's activities and halt the bloodshed in Congo.

The rebellion began about a week after Kabila ordered all Rwandan troops out of the country. Rwanda's forces and its vice president, Paul Kagame, were instrumental in helping Kabila's rebel movement oust longtime dictator Mobutu Sese Seko 14 months ago.

But the delicate alliance of Kabila's rebels, Banyamulenge Tutsis and Rwandan troops — also Tutsis — has unraveled and now threatens to topple the government.

The rebels accuse Kabila of widespread corruption, government mismanagement and nepotism.

Kevorkian lawyer narrowly wins primary for Michigan governor

DETROIT (Reuters) — Geoffrey Fieger, a wealthy attorney best known as the legal defender of assisted suicide advocate Jack Kevorkian, narrowly captured the Democratic nomination for Michigan governor in a tight three-way battle yesterday.

Fieger, who had never run for public office, ended with 41 percent after a surge of support from Detroit voters. Rival Larry Owen, who had the endorsement of organized labor and was the early favorite to win, finished with 37 percent. The third candidate, Doug Ross, ended with 22 percent.

"Mr. Engler is a serious threat to the people and the infrastructure of this state," Fieger said, referring to Michigan Gov. John Engler, who easily won the Republican nomination.

Engler, who is favored by most analysts to win his third term, said it did not matter which Democrat he faced because of his broad support through the state. He cited the tax cuts he has pushed through and his program for getting people off public assistance. Engler said he hoped the campaign stayed focused on issues and didn't turn into a "Jerry Springer" campaign, a reference to

the lively, occasionally nasty race among the Democrats.

The 47-year-old Fieger, a wealthy, flamboyant attorney, has never held elective office. He was a successful medical malpractice attorney when he was hired in 1990 by Kevorkian, the country's best-known advocate of physician-assisted suicide.

Fieger successfully defended Kevorkian during four trials and earned a reputation as being outspoken and tenacious. Fieger said he opposes abortion and assisted suicide but said he supports a person's right to choose those options.

Hiroshima survivors look back in sorrow

HIROSHIMA (Reuters) — On the eve of the 53rd anniversary of the world's first atomic bombing, survivors yesterday looked back in sorrow and anger at what they see as a global drift back to nuclear weapons.

Under a scorching sun in Peace Park, in the center of the city where the bomb was dropped on August 6, 1945, an always somber mood was this week more grim than usual because of Indian and Pakistani nuclear testing in May.

Buddhist monks chanted sutras, families of the dead offered flowers, incense and thousands of folded paper cranes — symbols of peace in what was 53 years ago a city of the dead and damned. The wishes were more fervent than ever with the nuclear genie out of the bottle again.

"Why do people just keep on doing stupid things over and over again?" said housewife Hideko Yokoo, 43. "If people in India and Pakistan could just come here and know how things really were. Because when you think hundreds of people died from the bomb right where you are walking now, it just freezes you in your tracks."

India's five nuclear explosions on May 11 and 13, followed by six tests by neighboring Pakistan on May 28 and 30, brought economic sanctions on both countries, but polls have shown many Indians and Pakistanis are proud of the tests.

"If the people in India and Pakistan knew what really happened here, they couldn't possibly support what their government has done," said bomb survivor Yoshio Yoshioka, 69.

The bomb dropped on Hiroshima killed an estimated 140,000 people by the end of 1945 alone, according to city records, with thousands dying of related illnesses over the succeeding years.

Yoshioka, 16, when the bomb was dropped, was almost one mile from ground zero in Peace Park and suffered severe burns. But he feels he was lucky. His best friend was working with classmates close to ground zero and was killed. The two had drawn lots to see who would work on which day and Yoshioka won and worked on August 5.

Schroeder promises to continue with foreign policy

By GEORGE GEDDA

WASHINGTON (AP) — German opposition candidate Gerhard Schroeder yesterday promised that, if elected, he will pursue a policy of continuity in his country's relations with other nations.

Appearing at a crowded news conference before meeting with US President Bill Clinton, Schroeder said he and Chancellor Helmut Kohl basically see eye to eye in the foreign policy area. "The differences in this field are minimal," Schroeder said.

He was planning a late morning meeting with Clinton, who often establishes personal relationships with opposition leaders from allied countries in the event they some day come to power. In Schroeder's case, that prospect cannot be discounted; he leads Kohl in the polls and is seen as having a good chance of ending the chancellor's 16-year rule.

Elections are set for September 27. "Things are not looking badly," the Social Democratic Party leader said. He has been president of Lower Saxony state since 1990.

Successive US administrations have attached considerable importance to maintaining close ties with Germany, given its size, economic strength, and crucial role as a NATO partner.

On other subjects, Schroeder declined to rule out German support for eventual Turkish membership in the European Union, saying the EU should not be an all-Christian body. But, he said, the EU should not be inconsistent with European values and rules out Turkish membership in the EU for the time being.

Man confesses to murder on Internet

FARGO, North Dakota (AP) — A man who police say confessed in an Internet chat group to killing his daughter has reached a tentative agreement to plead guilty to murder.

Larry Froistad Jr. is scheduled to enter the guilty plea Friday to Class AA murder — the highest murder charge in North Dakota, Bowman County State's Attorney Steven Wild said.

The count carries a sentence of up to life in prison without the chance for parole.

"It sounds like we've all reached a consensus on this," Wild said in a telephone interview. "We've got a tentative agreement that he'll plead guilty to the original charge."

Froistad, 29, was arrested in March at his San Diego apartment after allegedly posting several messages in a

support group for problem drinkers in which he confessed to intentionally setting the 1995 house fire in Bowman that killed his 5-year-old daughter, Amanda.

"I got wickedly drunk, set our house on fire, went to bed, listened to her scream twice, climbed out the window and set about putting on a show of shock, surprise, and grief to remove culpability from myself," one posted message said.

The writer said he and the girl's mother were in a bitter custody dispute at the time. Fellow members of the group turned in Froistad, a computer programmer. Froistad's attorney, Tom Secrest, confirmed Tuesday that a "deal is in the works," and a court hearing has been scheduled for Friday. But Secrest declined to discuss the case further.

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Miles apart: Divorcing couples fight for frequent-flier points

When everything is a battleground, frequent-flier miles can become as contentious an issue as who gets the season basketball tickets or the family silver. Caroline E. Mayer reports.

It's not just the house, the cars or the mutual funds anymore. Now it's also the miles.

Increasingly, frequent-flier miles are becoming an issue in divorce settlements and inheritance disputes.

A decade ago, Washington divorce lawyer Sanford K. Ain said, a judge "thought I was out of my mind" for raising the issue. But now, when an estimated 57 million Americans add another 400 billion miles to their frequent-flier accounts every year, these miles have become part of the currency of life.

In many family disputes, miles are "routinely raised," Ain said. Divorce lawyers say this is a growing trend that they have noticed in the past few years.

Consider the case of a Connecticut couple who divorced after 29 years of marriage.

John Rod Calarco was a broadcasting executive who traveled extensively for his job, earning hundreds of thousands of miles. His wife, June Calarco, said she "felt entitled to get half."

"I don't have a business where I travel," said Calarco, a dental hygienist who now goes by her maiden name Harden.

Late last year a judge agreed, giving her 200,000 of his 400,000

miles, as well as the \$480,000 house, half of his accrued pension and a quarter of his employee investment fund.

John Calarco, who now works in the District of Columbia, said he didn't have a problem giving his former wife the miles. But he said: "Was she the one who sat on the airplanes and ran through the airports all over the world? No."

A Connecticut judge also awarded Allison Gallagher 50,000 miles, 25 percent of her husband's frequent-flier miles, in her 1996 Connecticut divorce.

Compared with the thousands of dollars she and her husband were disputing in dividing up the home, cars and pension funds, "it was an extremely minor issue," said Gallagher, whose former husband declined to comment.

Still, she said, "you ask for a little bit of everything," in a divorce.

Frequent-flier guru Randy Petersen calculates that 57 million Americans are members of frequent-flier clubs; each year these programs grow by a net of 400 billion miles. In all, airlines now are liable for "close to 3 trillion miles," said Petersen, editor of the publication *Inside Flyer*.

Not all of these miles are redeemed and many expire after a

set time period. Nonetheless, about 10 million free tickets were given away last year, up 4.2% over the previous year, Petersen said.

The boom in miles earned has been aided by some credit cards that give consumers miles with every purchase, even if they roll over their debts from month to month.

In some cases there are so many miles involved, "people could go to the moon and back," New York divorce lawyer Raoul Felder said.

"So naturally, in cases where everything is a battleground," frequent-flier miles become as contentious an issue as who gets the season basketball tickets or the family silver.

Felder, like other lawyers interviewed, declined to identify his clients or make them available for interviews.

MOST airlines are reluctant to transfer miles from one person to another in divorce cases, saying it's against company policy. Still, many admit they will abide by a court order or permit one spouse to award free tickets to another.

Petersen is asked for his expert opinion on frequent-flier miles — their value and to whom they should belong — in at least two

dozen divorce cases a year.

The issue has become more prevalent, Petersen said, because frequent-flier miles "belong to middle America now. Ten years ago they were the exclusive domain of the heavy-duty frequent flier, but today they're collected by the hygienist at the dentist as well as the community's leading businessman who flies a lot."

Petersen has been asked to testify in a wide variety of cases, including one in which a husband had accrued 800,000 miles. Rather than give or share these miles with his former wife, he gave them back to his company, saying they had been earned on business travel.

Generally, each mile is valued at 2 cents, so 50,000 miles — usually worth two free domestic tickets — would be worth \$1,000. In some cases that means more money may be spent in lawyers' fees trying to get the miles than they may actually be worth.

"It's the spite factor," said Petersen, who recalled a recent case in which a wife wanted all of her husband's 50,000 miles. "She hated him so much, she wanted every little thing. It can become a bit malicious."

Robert O'Regan, a lawyer in Boston, said that "in dysfunctional situations, issues like frequent-

flier miles can get in the way of what's best for all the people involved. It's a way of settling the score."

O'Regan said he recently was involved in a case where the couple had racked up thousands of miles through their credit-card purchases, even buying a time-share condominium on their credit card.

When they decided to divorce, "one of the big issues was who was responsible for all the debt rung up on the credit card."

Each claimed the other was irresponsible, but each replied that "that was what they were supposed to do to get frequent-flier miles," O'Regan said.

In the end, both the debt and the miles were equally divided between husband and wife.

WASHINGTON divorce lawyer Marna Tucker, who has seen many a nasty fight in multi-million dollar estates, says disputes over frequent-flier miles have never been forced to trial.

"But in settlements, it's very much an issue," she said. "It's surprising to me that within some couples, frequent-flier points are more highly prized than some of the other property."

When it is an issue, Tucker said

it's often because the spouse who accumulated the miles had to travel a lot — and that was "one of the underlying reasons for the divorce."

Tucker also has seen it "a bone of contention" in cases where the family has consistently tried to accumulate as many miles as they could over the years for future family vacations.

"One family had planned to go to Europe with all three kids, but the divorce came in the middle and was the spoiler of all their plans."

So the issue of who would get the miles "meant more than what the five airline tickets would be worth." Ultimately, the husband and wife split the points equally.

Frequent-flier miles also are becoming a more-frequent issue in inheritance disputes, Petersen said.

In Virginia several grieving children vigorously fought to keep their father's second wife from inheriting all of his frequent-flier miles, attorney Rhonda Macdonald said.

Under the airline's policy, the hundreds of thousands of miles earned by the father could only be transferred to the surviving spouse. But under Virginia law the children were entitled to two-thirds of their father's assets.

Determined to get all that rightfully belonged to them, "they got down to the nitty-gritty and fought over every penny," including the miles, Macdonald said. Even so, the airline would not relent and the wife ended up with all the miles.

Lawyers said frequent-flier miles don't have to cause contentious disputes.

In making wills, travelers should consider specifically bequeath their miles to avoid any battles among the heirs.

Meanwhile, in divorce cases, Washington attorney Ain said he tries to encourage spouses to use frequent-flier miles as sign of goodwill, especially where children are involved.

In one recent case, he said, the settlement was virtually complete when the wife asked for one more thing from husband as sign of goodwill: his miles.

"He gave her free tickets" so she could go away with the children at Christmas. "It was the nice thing to do and made people feel better at end of settlement."

Attorney O'Regan has come to the same conclusion. Frequent-flier miles, he said, are "a great tool to do something good for the children — once you get people to stop fighting over them."

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HOME SERVICES

You expect a firebrand with flashing eyes and clenched fists, not the gentle woman who opens the door to the nondescript apartment in the dull brick building in a far-flung borough of New York.

It was only four years ago that Taslima Nasrin, the 35-year-old Bangladeshi poet, novelist, feminist and self-proclaimed atheist, stirred Muslim fundamentalists in her homeland to such a pitch of righteous wrath that she had to flee the country. She was widely excoriated as a ringleader, a she-devil, a scourge. Religious zealots issued a fatwa calling for her execution, and from the emotions her public appearances ignited, it seemed there was no shortage of volunteers to carry out the sentence. The Bangladeshi government charged her with the crime of blasphemy and confiscated her passport.

Yet the small, plumpish woman who has just opened the door has soft brown eyes and a retiring smile that plays at the corners of her mouth. She is dressed simply in a white short-sleeved blouse and shorts and wears a few pieces of gold jewelry. Her quiet voice hardly seems suited to inflammatory pronouncements.



Taslima Nasrin in Dhaka in 1994.

A target for zealots

David Richards meets Taslima Nasrin

This is what a scourge looks like? "People say to me that I am very gentle and polite," Nasrin explains in the serviceable English that is her second language. (Bengali is her native tongue.) "People who don't know me, people who just read my books, they think I must be aggressive. They are surprised how I can look like this. I don't think I have to be aggressive or that I have to shout. What anger I have I can put in my books. I can be very soft, yet strong inside. Aggressiveness doesn't mean that you are strong."

Since 1994, Nasrin has lived in exile, behind locked doors in flats like this one - neat but vaguely cheerless places. Just inside the door, several pairs of shoes are lined up in a row. A noisy air conditioner in the window pumps a stream of semi-cool air into the room.

At the height of her troubles, Sweden offered her political asylum, and Nasrin has taken refuge in Germany. For a while, she said she ventured out in public, she often did so with security guards at her side.

International journalists invariably compared her plight to that of author Salman Rushdie, whose 1989 *Satanic Verses* prompted Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini to call for his head. In an open letter to Nasrin published in several prominent newspapers, Rushdie urged her to remain steadfast.

But Nasrin eventually came to find Sweden "a cold and depressing place." While her books have proved immensely popular in France, there, too, she feels "out of my culture and out of my language." So three months ago she went to New York, where her younger sister has lived for the past year. Nasrin is there on a tourist visa. She is not seeking asylum, she says. She simply wants to see if she could live there, adapt to the rhythms of the culture, find the peace and anonymity that would allow her to continue her writing career.

"My face is not going on to the television news here, I am not known by general, ordinary people," she explains. "That makes me happy. But I do not always feel safe. There are a lot of Muslim fundamentalists here, and I have heard that newspapers in their language say that I am living here or that I have been seen in the subway. Some people recognize me, especially people from the Indian subcontinent. They ask, 'Are you Taslima?' And I say, 'No, I am not Taslima. I look like Taslima. That is all.' The smile tugs at the corners of her mouth.

"Sometimes when I come home at night from Manhattan in a taxi, the driver recognizes me and starts to ask me questions," she continues.

"I say, 'Stop the taxi right away.' I get out and take another taxi. I just want to move

about freely. But I have to be very careful about my address, so that nobody knows it."

One thing is certain: Nasrin cannot go home again. She remains persona non grata in Bangladesh, where her trial for blasphemy languishes, unresolved, in the Bangladesh High Court. The fatwa, promising 50,000 taka (\$1,250, or five times the average annual income there) to whoever puts her to death, is still in force. And now Nasrin's mother is critically ill with colon cancer that recently spread to her liver. All her lawyers' attempts to negotiate even a brief visit have proved fruitless.

"I am willing to risk everything," she says, her voice becoming faint. "But it is not possible. The authorities will not let me in, even though I have the right to go there. They say that the fundamentalists will make trouble if I go back. I will be thrown out from the airport if I try. And my mother is dying. ... It is so terrible that I can't see her."

What could such an unprepossessing woman do to provoke such wrath in her homeland? Trained as a doctor, Nasrin didn't make a name for herself until the late 1980s, after she'd begun writing poems and newspaper columns with an ardently feminist point of view. In a country where 80 percent of the women are illiterate and often little more than chattel, her belief that men and women should be equal was nothing short of revolutionary. And in a country where Islam is the state religion, the sexual imagery of her poems was considered offensive. ("Run! Run!" one of her earliest poems, warns women: "A pack of dogs is after you. Remember rabies. A pack of men is after you. Remember syphilis.") Even more inflammatory are her religious views. Although raised a Muslim, Nasrin is an

atheist and a frank advocate of the secular state. But the match that lit the tinderbox was her 1993 novel, *Shame*. It was inspired by real-life events - beginning with the destruction of a 16th-century mosque in India by Hindu extremists the previous year. In retaliation, Muslim extremists rioted, and the violence quickly spilled over into neighboring Bangladesh.

Shame, which came out last October in an American edition published by Prometheus Books (reviewed in *The Post* on April 3), depicts the atrocities that are inflicted upon a fictional Bangladeshi family whose only sin is that they are Hindus living in the path of a Muslim storm. Although hastily written and psychologically rudimentary, the novel was an immediate sensation. Some 60,000 copies were sold in Bangladesh alone before the government banned it. Muslims saw *Shame* as an unforgivable slur on the faith; Hindus read it as a vindication of theirs.

Nasrin insists that the book is meant as a condemnation of religious fanaticism in all its forms. But in July 1994 she was quoted in a Calcutta newspaper as saying that "the Koran should be revised thoroughly." She subsequently claimed that she was misquoted and was calling for a revision of Islamic law, not the Muslim holy book itself. But the clarification counted for little. She had to go into hiding. The next month, wrapped from head to toe in a black burkha, the traditional garb of Muslim women, she was spirited out of Dhaka, the Bangladesh capital, and flown to Stockholm.

"My mother thinks there are good Muslims and bad Muslims," she says now. "But I don't think that. If you follow everything in the Koran properly, you cannot be good. In the Koran, it is written that you should beat your wife, you can marry four

times and you should hate the Christians or Jews or Hindus - whoever is not Muslim. If anyone rejects Islam, you should kill them. If people follow such beliefs, how can they be good? You cannot be good with all that hatred. If Muslims are good, it is their conscience that makes them good. Not the Koran."

The years of exile have not softened her views. "Since I have come to Europe, I appear at seminars and lectures," she says. "When I talk about Muslim fundamentalists, the Christians support me, thinking I am only against Islam. But when they see that I am against all religions, then Christians start to dislike me, too. What I discover is that fundamentalism exists in every society. In Bangladesh, it is more visible. That is all. But I don't find any ideal society. Even in Europe."

The worst part of the last few years, Nasrin says, is that it has made writing difficult. Her chief sources of income are her book royalties, from *Shame* in particular, but the money dwindles.

"Because of that nightmare - all that I faced in Bangladesh and then being away from my family and friends in a new country - it took me a long time to start writing again," she says.

She places great hope in her autobiography, which was published in July in India and is slated to appear before the end of the year in France. Her French translator, Philippe Benoit, a young professor of Bengali at the Sorbonne, has been staying with her in New York, going over the manuscript for the French version.

Although the autobiography covers the first 15 years of her life, before her political travails began, Benoit believes that his candor will be seen as explosive in Bangladesh. "In the literature of her country, it's definitely a novelty, something new. She confronts a lot of taboos, including sexuality, that just aren't addressed there. The writing is very strong and open."

"Nothing comes from my imagination. What happened, I wrote. I just want to be honest about my life," says Nasrin, who relates in the book how she came to question the Muslim faith and talks about the indignities inflicted on the household servants, especially the female ones. Among the characters: her dictatorial father, a doctor who regularly tried to beat the rebellion out of her, and a relative who, she claims, at one point attempted to rape her. But mostly, Benoit says, the book explores the terrible isolation she felt as a girl whose brothers were allowed to scamp free in the fields while she was confined to the house.

Even the title - *My Girlhood* - is apt to raise eyebrows. "In Bengali," Nasrin explains, "there is a word for boyhood and there is a word for childhood. But there is no word for girlhood. So I made it up. If you say 'my girlhood' in English, it is nothing. But if you say it in Bengali, it is a kind of revolution."

Much as Nasrin yearns to go home, she knows that would be possible only if she recanted her views, apologized publicly for her attitudes, and put down her pen once and for all.

"Even my mother is telling me to beg for forgiveness," she says.

"I love my mother very much and I want to see her. But I ... will never do that." So Taslima Nasrin wanders around New York, asking herself if it could ever be a real home for her. She looks out of her apartment window.

This day, it's so hot that in a fish market, not far down the street, the fish have begun to stink.

"It is sad," she says. "I have no country of my own. It is like a bus stop here. All the countries are like bus stops. I am waiting to go back to my homeland. But I can never get a bus that will take me there."

(The Washington Post)

Basic questions

GOD edited by Jacob Neusner. Cleveland, Pilgrim Press. 176 pp. \$14.95.

By Morton I. Teicher

An extremely useful question provides the foundation for a series of which this is the first book. How do the world's great religions deal with the basic issues confronting all humanity? One formulation of these issues might be: Where do we come from? Where are we going? What is our relationship to each other? What is our relationship to nature? What is our relationship to the forces beyond nature?

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Jacob Neusner, perhaps the most prolific Jewish scholar in the world, is the editor of the series. His preface indicates that the idea for the series emerged at Bard College, where he holds a part-time appointment as professor of religion. His primary affiliation is with the University of South Florida, where he is distinguished research professor of religious studies. Neusner and his colleagues at Bard developed the series. Joined by an assistant professor of religion at Emory University, they each wrote a chapter describing the understanding of God according to Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Christianity. In a useful introductory section, each writer "lists the documents that form the foundation of his or her chapter."

As a textbook for students of religion, this is an excellent piece of work. However, the general reader will be severely challenged to follow the fairly complex analyses. These require a high level of familiarity with the issue itself and with the approach to it of each religion. A simpler and clearer approach could probably meet the needs of students and, at the same time, make the remaining volumes in the series more accessible to the general reader. Such a straightforward presentation will greatly enhance the value of this important effort. Perhaps the future volumes in the series might be written in a style that would meet this test.

In and out of therapy

I KNOW THIS MUCH IS TRUE by Wally Lamb. HarperCollins. 877pp. \$27.50.

By Pia Nordlinger

It is a rare book that earns its blurbs. Yet Wally Lamb's new novel, *I Know This Much Is True*, is just as "deeply moving and thoroughly satisfying" as the promotional prose claims.

The novel revolves around Dominick Birdsey, a regular guy who bears more than his share of life's troubles. His baby daughter died of SIDS. His wife left him. His live-in girlfriend is severely, yet secretly, disturbed. The identity of his biological father is a mystery. His stepfather was a brute. His mother died of breast cancer.

His identical twin brother, Thomas, is a paranoid schizophrenic. Thomas sets the novel's stage by committing a gruesome act in protest against the Persian Gulf War. Dominick's attempts to ensure Thomas's well-being at a state mental hospital serve as the novel's daily action. Another story runs deeper: Making things right for his brother, Dominick discovers he must make things right for himself.

He develops a rapport with the therapist assigned to Thomas, and together they unravel the effects of Dominick's role as his brother's keeper. Lacking any emotional or spiritual anchors, Dominick has a long road ahead of him - as does the reader. Both must work through Dominick's emotional jumble of resentment at being the protector, fear that mental illness may befall him too, and envy of the tender relationship between his brother and mother.

The story flows in and out of therapy sessions, during which Dominick recounts numerous episodes from his childhood. The long journey is made engaging - not to mention deeply moving and thoroughly satisfying - by Lamb's ample imagination.

As Dominick faces the past, the reader tries to solve the novel's puzzles - some of which are simple mysteries, while others are more penetrating, psychological conflicts.

Some clues are to be found in the jottings of Dominick's grandfather, Domenico Tempesta, who shortly before his death wrote his life story (subtitled "A Great Man from Humble Beginnings"). This chronicle picks up midway through the novel, an account-within-an-account, giving up family secrets, though not the anticipated ones.

Lamb's novel is a solid achievement, a worthy successor to his 1992 novel, *She's Come Undone*, which won him wide acclaim. Yet it is not without shortcomings. Many of the countless childhood reminiscences are unnecessary (though they are well written). The protagonist, Dominick, is a bit of a cliché - an angry, uncommunicative, self-destructive man. And the author ties up his ending just a little too easily.

Even so, *I Know This Much Is True* kept this reader interested, guessing and even hopeful. It includes a vivid cast of unpredictable secondary characters. But most important, it powerfully conveys the challenges that life brings, the difficulties that human beings must shoulder. This is no breezy entertainment for the beach. Readers who are willing to invest time and emotional energy in an unconventional and thoughtful book will be rewarded.

(The Baltimore Sun)

STEIMATZKY'S BESTSELLING PAPERBACKS

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6. Fifth Mountain by Paolo Coelho. HarperCollins.
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10. Moon Music by Faye Kellerman. Headline.

BOOK BYTES

The New Oxford Dictionary of English (pronounced "today"), to be published later this year, is designed to reflect the current state of world English. *NODE* is the product of four years' labor by 30 full-time editors and an army of advisers. The filling cards in used drawers lexicographers once used for each dictionary entry have long since passed into oblivion. *NODE* is drawn primarily from the 100 million words on the British National Corpus, a computer database which comprises evidence of written and spoken English gathered from a wide variety of sources in the 1980s and '90s.

In addition, Oxford University Press dictionary editors also draw on another 40 million words in the Oxford World Reading Programme, a database compiled by a team of readers who extract new words and idioms (18,000 new ones a month) from a wide range of books, journals and specialist publications. Modern dictionaries have largely given up their role of trying to be prescriptive - that is, telling the public which usage is "correct." English as a language has become such a fast-changing "mode of communication" that today's dictionaries are simply battling to cover the definitions of current usage.

(Headline), is a cautionary tale of the near future in the world's most populous nation.

Hawksley says that a "new power bloc is being formed, and no one is quite sure what the shape or form of it is. What is certain is that it is not a Western democracy, or anything like it." He asks: "How dangerous can this monster become?" His book speculates on an unholy partnership of good old American capitalism and Chinese communist-style repression in the form of a forced labor camp. The outcome hinges on a former British police officer, who remained behind in Hong Kong after the hand-over.

DID INDEPENDENT prosecutor Kenneth Starr go too far when he issued a subpoena to Washington's Kramerbooks store for information concerning books purchased there by former White House intern Monica Lewinsky? One commentator, Pat Schroeder, strongly condemns such "government intrusion" and believes Starr overstepped his brief. "This is a scenario that belongs in Baghdad or Teheran. I would suggest that Mr. Starr give some thought to his own reading list. Maybe it's time for him to reread the First Amendment." The bookstore, after some negotiating, agreed to cooperate.

A BOOK that went missing from the shelves of Stafford Free Library 135 years ago was recently returned, according to the *Fortean Times*. Somehow, the book, Alexander Neckham's *De Naturis Rerum*, had migrated to the New World, where an alert librarian at the University of Chicago spotted it.

The outstanding fine from 1863, calculated in today's currency, amounted to \$4,192.30. The fine was waived in the light of good inter-library relations.

David Brauner

BBC foreign correspondent Humphrey Hawksley seems to have made a practice of falling foul of autocratic regimes. In 1986 he was expelled from Sri Lanka for his coverage of the Tamil separatists' war. In the Philippines his reporting made him the object of numerous death threats. He hung on in mainland China for three years. "It's a country one can operate in only for a limited amount of time. After that, you'll have to compromise your values too much," says Hawksley of China. His new novel, *Ceremony of Innocence*

The New York Times BESTSELLERS

HARDCOVER Fiction

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The real obstacle to peace

In recent years, the anguish, anger and sorrow following terror attacks against Israel have too often been used to justify or condemn divergent political views most of them touching on the most existential challenges facing the country.

But the slaying on Tuesday night of two young men in the Samaritan settlement of Yitzhar, Harel Bin-Nun, 18, and Shlomo Liebman, 24, at the hands of a terrorist gang, was a vicious act that cannot be accepted or justified in any way.

To the credit of the political leadership, members of virtually all of the parties yesterday reacted decently and properly, condemning the attack and expressing their condolences. Few tried to score political points. The Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza wisely called on settlers not to take revenge; such actions would most likely only lead to a dangerous spiral of increased tensions and violence in the area.

Using terrorist attacks as an excuse to exacerbate divisions in Israel would play into the hands of the terrorists.

Far from the attention of the Israeli public, a debate has been taking place for some time amongst the various terror organizations, between those who argue for selecting targets within the Green Line and others who prefer striking at the settlements.

Those who favor hitting Israel's large cities aim to cause mass fear in the general public. Others are hoping that murdering settlers will drive a wedge between the settlers, who feel they are on the front line, and Israelis who do not identify with the settlements and might even prefer not to defend them.

What is required is a focus on the broad areas of agreement within Israeli society — of which there are more than is commonly believed — regarding our basic goals in the peace process.

All agree that an effective fight against terrorism is a must, especially in the context of a peace process in which Israel is being asked to yield strategically important areas. This places a heavy burden on the Palestinian Authority to prove that it is serious about its commitment to contain terrorism.

Yitzhar is only about seven kilometers from the outskirts of Nablus. Under just about any

contemplated further Israeli redeployment in Samaria, it will be highly isolated and difficult for the IDF to defend.

Although no one has declared responsibility for the attack that took the lives of the two Yitzhar youths, the terrorist gang involved was well-organized and well-drilled, waiting in ambush and then melting away into the surrounding villages and Nablus. There is obviously a wide-ranging infrastructure behind the attack, and under the redeployment that organization will be even more difficult for the IDF to fight.

So it is precisely those who argue most forcefully for implementing a second redeployment who need to demand that PA Chairman Yasser Arafat immediately, and publicly, take measures against the terrorist infrastructure. Without a clear show of readiness on the part of the Palestinians to implement commitments already repeatedly made, without a sense among the Israeli public that it is getting true security in return for what it is giving up, the Oslo process cannot possibly succeed.

Even the Palestinians' verbal exhortations against terrorism have been disappointing. Incitement to violence against Israel continues unabated in the PA media, including Fatah newsletters. Hints of a renewal of the "armed struggle" by a unilaterally declared Palestinian state in May 1999 continue to be made.

Although Arafat's adviser Nabil Amr condemned the murder of Bin-Nun and Liebman, Arafat's refusal to comment directly was glaring. PA Justice Minister Freih Abu Meidein's statement to the effect that the attack was eagerly awaited by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu as an excuse to halt the peace process was particularly outrageous.

The Israeli government is committed to continuing the negotiations leading to further redeployments and a final-status agreement. The existential issues it is facing are not simple.

What the great majority of the Israeli public — including many of the settlers — wants is clear enough: a settlement with the Palestinians that will bring about true peace and security, with an end to violence and terrorism. If the Palestinian side can honestly work towards that goal as well, an agreement is possible. Every terrorist attack, like the one in Yitzhar, only blocks progress along that path.

OLEG 98

The public is ready

AARON LERNER

It's no surprise that two Israelis were murdered in a terrorist ambush on Tuesday night in Yitzhar. After all, the murderers were simply putting the Palestinian Authority's (PA) words into action.

And while Arafat's apologists will no doubt try to relate this to the stalled talks, the truth is that Arafat's call to Jihad is not new. He called for Jihad when he entered Gaza and he repeated the call when he reached the cities of the West Bank.

When Arafat publicly called to "burn the ground under the feet of the invaders," in the PA's semi-official *Al-Hayat Al-Jadeeda* on April 16, 1998, it was not some sick poetic allusion. He meant every word. As Marwan Barghout, the head of Fatah in the West Bank, calmly explains, the Palestinians have the right to attack settlements "because the settlement policy is terrorism. We have the right to fight against the terrorism."

Of course, the Oslo Accords explicitly provide for the security of the settlements. And even those who claim that the "spirit of Oslo" prohibits settlements expansion can't distort the text to allow attacks against existing ones.

"Extremists have demonstrated the real divisions today are not between Jews and Arabs, but between those stuck in the past and those who long for a better future; between those paralyzed by hatred and those energized by hope; those who stand with clenched fists and those who reach out with open hands. We cannot let the extremists prevail."

So wrote US President Bill Clinton in his Israel Jubilee message to Hadasah.

Indeed, but unfortunately, the Clinton administration and the Israeli opposition parties, by turning a blind eye to Arafat's hatred and striking fists, have helped enable the extremists to prevail. Arafat is himself an extremist. You

can read the extremists' message of Jihad in the PA's school books and view them on the PA's own television broadcasts aimed at inculcating the "value" of Jihad to a new generation of Palestinian youth.

The supporters of Oslo doomed it to failure when they cynically decided to avoid serious criticism of Arafat at all costs.

THE situation is so absurd that opposition leader Ehud Barak refuses to say if the Palestinians are fulfilling their obligations under the Oslo Agreements on the grounds that he is not managing the negotiations. Of course, that doesn't inhibit him from going to Washington to criticize the Israeli government.

The Israeli public doesn't buy this. A Gallup Poll commissioned recently by IMRA found that only 29 percent of Israeli Jews accept Barak's explanation for his silence.

Overall, the Israeli public is distressed by Arafat's behavior. Last Wednesday's "Peace Index" survey of Israeli Jews for the Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research at Tel Aviv University found that less than 26 percent believe Arafat is more a statesman than a terrorist.

Yesterday Prime Minister Netanyahu called for expanding Yitzhar as a Zionist response to the ruthless murder Tuesday night. But this should only be the first step.

There should be no rewards for violence. Almost two years ago Arafat's men orchestrated the burning of the Joseph's Tomb complex in Nablus. As NRP MK Hani Portat noted yesterday, Israel has the right to restore the complex and the funds have been approved. Repairs should begin at once.

Balance must be restored. Minister of Transportation Shaul Yabulom's call to freeze the withdrawal talks until the murder-

ers of Harel Bin-Nun and Shlomo Liebman are brought to Israeli justice should be taken seriously.

Long ago Arafat frittered away whatever credit he may have earned by signing the Declaration of Principles back in 1993. Arafat has made terrorism against Jews an intimate part of the Palestinian life cycle — from the kindergarten songs to the celebration of Jihad martyrs.

Handing over the murderers to Israeli justice would send a clear message that Arafat is both willing and able to live in peace.

As for the current negotiations, Netanyahu has indicated that he rejects the Clinton administration's cynical "land for committees" approach. The Israeli public shares his skepticism. A Gallup poll commissioned two nights ago by IMRA found that only 30 percent believe the committees proposed by the Clinton administration would actually insure Palestinian compliance after a withdrawal.

The public supports a strong position in the withdrawal negotiations. Last week's "Peace Index" found only a third of those polled supporting a weaker stance and over 52 percent wanting Netanyahu to take an even harder position in the talks with the Palestinians.

That's not to say that Israel should not take "risks for peace." Israel takes them every day. In point of fact, just a few weeks ago Netanyahu willingly gambled his own political future when he refused to send Palestinian workers home in response to threats of a new wave of terrorist bombings.

With a steadfast approach the murderous attack at Yitzhar can be used to turn around Palestinian-Israeli relations. The Israeli public is ready. We will know in the coming days if our prime minister is up to the challenge.

The writer is the director of IMRA (Independent Media Review & Analysis).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ESCALATING VIOLENCE

Sir, — In the past few weeks, two shocking verdicts have been recorded in the press. In both cases, the fate of young adults (both perpetrators and victims) was in question. In the first case, four teenagers gang-raped a teenage girl. The fourth rapist (a 19 year old from Arad) was given a sentence of only a number of months. The reported justification for this light sentence was that the youth had helped bring his friends to trial and that as the fourth attacker, he was able to rape the victim without force. (The victimized

adolescent female had apparently been too exhausted to resist a further attack.)

In the second case, a young driver, Boaz Farstein, killed Doron and Anat Reave, mother and father of four children (aged early teens through early twenties). His sentence will probably be three years in jail.

In both these cases, through carelessness and/or violence, young adults have irreversibly altered the lives of five other young adults. As one of the orphans stated, the survivors have

been punished twice: first with their loss and second with the minimal sentencing given for these terrible crimes. Moreover, with such light sentences, one wonders how much of a deterrent has been provided to the public.

The violence in our society is escalating. When the courts have the opportunity to render meaningful judgments, why is this not happening?

DEBORAH RUBIN FIELDS

Jerusalem.

PROPHETS OF DOOM

Sir, — David Kimche, in "Peace remains in reach," (July 24) parrots the mantra that if only Bibi Netanyahu would implement the "magical" 13 percent redeployment, hopes for peace and harmony in the region would be realized.

The 22 Israelis who hastened to meet with Arafat after the fortuitous failure of a potentially catastrophic bombing in Jerusalem heard the now-familiar refrain that the Palestinians abhor violence and deny attempts by extremists

on both sides to torpedo the peace process.

Anyone who still doubts the common goal of Hamas and the PA to use the terror option as a valid negotiating tactic, when Palestinian TV continues to feature Arab children extolling the virtues of suicide bombings and aspiring to join the ranks of those heroes and martyrs, must be suffering from a terminal case of self-delusion in the face of incontrovertible evidence of Arafat's duplicity.

Those prophets of doom if Israeli concessions and capitulation to outrageous demands are not forthcoming, give a "green light" to just such murderous elements whose actions then acquire a patina of inevitability and justification. Why are so many seemingly intelligent people so blind to this clear example of cause and effect?

FAY DICKER

Brooklyn, NY.

STRIKE A BLOW

Sir, — Here are several simple suggestions that might reduce the carnage on our roads:

A. Draft the excess personnel that are available from the IDF into special units in the Police, and train them as traffic enforcement officers.

B. Draft haredim into these units. The number of deaths on the roads today is in such proportions that it clearly rates as an issue of

pikuah nefesh to which these yeshiva boys must respond, even at the expense of time spent in yeshiva.

C. Legislate earlier openings and closings of the pubs and discos that are frequented by our youth. Young adults, particularly those serving in the army, are sleep-deprived, and yet begin their evenings in such pubs and discos as late as 11:00 p.m., returning home as late as 5:00

a.m. If these places of business were forced to close by 2:00 a.m., accidents caused by sleeplessness might be reduced.

These suggestions might strike a lethal blow to the number of accidents and fatalities on the roads today.

JUDY AND ELI SCHMELL

Rehovot.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On August 6, 1933, *The Palestine Post* criticized the new Immigration Ordinance as discouraging immigration and granting wide prerogatives to the administration. The bill narrowed still further the aperture through which Jews could enter the country.

that Israel asked Count Bernadotte, the UN mediator, whether Arab states were ready for peace negotiations. Israel warned Egyptians in the Negev and the Arab Legion in Jerusalem that it wouldn't tolerate further breaches of the cease-fire.

grenades and firing machine guns killed three persons and wounded 49 in the crowded transit lounge of Athens airport — apparently after being thwarted in an attempt to board an airliner bound for Israel. In Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek asked to incorporate Nebi Samwil and approved high-rise building policy.

Alexander Zvielli



Frequently flying

HELEN SCHARY MOTRO

Man may have stepped on the moon, but you can be sure an Israeli has stepped everywhere else. Think Paris is empty in August? Just take a look at the Ayalon. Estimates have it that just short of a million people traveled outside the country last year for "pleasure."

The Seder might come in springtime, but the Exodus is clearly in summer. And leaving Egypt was nothing compared to the fuss we make about leaving Lod.

Who doesn't have his own personal story entitled "The Most Remote Place in the World Where I Bumped into Another Israeli?" The caves of Mesa Verde, the underground mall in Edmonton, astride a tortoise in the Galapagos. By now there may be more Israelis in Katmandu than Sherpas.

"Stay seated until cable car comes to a complete halt!" cautions the notice in perfect Hebrew lettering atop a Swiss Alp. At a restaurant on the Burmese-Thai border 6,000 kilometers from Jerusalem, Israelis are right at home reading Hebrew tags identifying the buffet platters.

And what other national airline offers a one-day shopping trip to London? No show in the West End is worth its salt if you don't overhear Hebrew during intermission. As a matter of fact, you can order your London theater tickets in advance from your living room in Givatayim.

Put in a local call to the ticket agency in Tel Aviv — and presto: up drives a messenger on a scooter holding out your box seat tickets to Cats. Bump into your neighbor from Ashkelon while waiting on line for Disney's Magic Mountain in Orlando, or in Paris, or in LA? Frankly, you'd be disappointed if you didn't. Otherwise who'd you have to talk to during the three-hour wait aside from your hot, whiny kids?

In other countries the jet set are the glossy untouchable top fringe you read about in *People*. But throughout France, the Chateaux Relais are filled with coveting sextets from Kiryat Ono, while buddies on the Haifa beach compare notes on the best bed and breakfast in Umbria. Want to know which hotel in Prague features an unobstructed cemetery view? Check with your travel agent in Netanyahu. And on a clear day in Machu Picchu, the Inca Trail could double for old home week at the Golani brigade.

MILLING around the departure lounge one frequent flyer beamed to another, "I've had to order three new passports before the old one expired. There was just no room to stamp new entries."

"Didn't you know?" yawned his friend. "Apply for a 'businessman's passport.' It comes with extra pages."

Waiting for the security check at Ben-Gurion Airport anytime between the start of school vacation and the High Holidays will give you time to proofread an entire dissertation thesis.

So Souk Bezalet isn't dead after all. It's merely been relocated to the duty free shop, where the masses are grabbing up collagen creams like they used to grab fresh pitas.

Travelers' aids are the hot new money maker, and not just pills for sea sickness: guidebooks in Hebrew to every province in China, zippered belts to safeguard your cash while in Rio, inflatable pillows for those 26-hour plane rides. Airlines fall over themselves to pander their frequent flyer programs, and every VIP airport lounge around the world is exploding with upgraded sabras.

An old story tells about two young Israelis talking Hebrew on a bus in Montreal, loudly comparing a young woman across the aisle to a dairy animal. Descending from the bus, their erstwhile object turned back towards them, and with lowered eyelids whispered, "Moo-o-o."

That joke is as dated as a prop jet. And not for its sexism, either. Expecting confidentiality while conversing in Hebrew on public transport anywhere in the world is about as foolhardy nowadays as confiding secrets on the Internet.

But when you hear more people speaking Hebrew than English on the handbag line at Bloomingdale's, or than French on the escalator at the Louvre, or than Portuguese on the Via Branco — then you know things have gone just one step too far.

Actually, with so many Israelis abroad, Israel almost feels like a foreign country: quiet, peaceful, orderly. So why not give the water park in Ein Giv a shot? You'll find the lines surprisingly short.

Now, if only they offered frequent flyer points for crossing through Tiberias...

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Weekender

The hottest ticket in town



Tzavta in Tel Aviv hosts the 75-minute Mayumana show, featuring young artists aged 24 - 35, through the rest of the summer.

The nine-member ensemble Mayumana combines dance, music and theater

By MICHAEL AJZERSTADT

Mayumana. It sounds like an African word or a code name for some secret military mission. It could mean almost anything. But Mayumana is actually the name of the hottest new addition to our local entertainment/music/dance world. It's a nine-member ensemble which after close to two years of hard work, has blasted off to a success which took even its members by surprise. Today Mayumana is the hottest ticket in town, a dance/theater/music ensemble centered around the beating of a drum, and anything else for that matter.

Mayumana is the baby of New York-born Eylon Nophar, a former film editor, belly dancer and professional percussionist; and Israeli musician Boaz Berman.

Boaz and I wanted to make something new and different. We had a three-person show and we needed to create something that would combine percussion, theater, dancing and a lot of happiness," she says.

For almost two years Berman and Nophar worked with about 40 different artists to create Mayumana.

"We were looking for charac-

ters, we were interested in happy people - in people who are creators and not just performers. The sort of work we had in mind called for people expressing themselves."

And those people weren't easy to find. As a matter of fact, two were very hard to get.

Una, who says "I don't remember when I gave up my family name," grew up in the US and Canada's Prince Edward Island. "I'm the Mediterranean version of Anne of Green Gables," says the dancer who made aliyah in 1987.

"She was very busy and we couldn't get her to see us," Nophar recalls. But once Una came to a rehearsal she was hooked.

"In a few minutes I was there on stage with everyone else. That was the only thing to do, I simply had to do it."

And then there was Curacao-born musician Sergio Braams, who came to Israel in 1992, and married an Israeli with whom he now has two children.

"Sergio was not interested, he had a life and a family and his own band. He didn't want to give all that up for something new," Nophar said.

But he, too, eventually caught the Mayumana bug and has never wanted to leave.

Nophar, Una and Braams recall

the rehearsal process with eager enthusiasm, saying that, above all, it was unifying.

"Boaz now moves fluently and he was no dancer," says Nophar. "This is also true for Sergio, who now has a dancing solo in the show."

Creating the Mayumana family, aged 24 to 35, demanded a lot of sacrifice from the lucky nine who have become almost cult-like figures in the local arts scene. "Everybody had to change their life, people had to give up a lot," says Nophar. "But we had a vision. We knew exactly what we wanted and that was to bring happiness and joy without conveying any messages. Our show is about happiness and joie de vivre."

The 75-minute Mayumana show, with its endless beating on anything from barrels to body percussion and with its ongoing rhythm and humor, can be seen only at Tel Aviv's Tzavta where the group is booked through the summer.

"We rehearsed in a small hall near Tzavta and they agreed to give us their stage. We changed a lot, practiced and made the stage our own. Now it's time for Tzavta to get something back. So, we are not going to tour, people who want to see us will have to come to Tzavta," says Nophar.

This is not 100 percent true. The group appeared at the Israel Festival and in front of an audience of 150,000 in Romania a few months ago.

And this Saturday evening (9 at the piazza of the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center) they will present 10 minutes of their show.

But the group doesn't plan to leave Tzavta soon, at least not until they earn a lot of money and grow.

"We are thinking of doing a larger version of the show with more scenery in the Cinema, but it will take time," says Nophar.

Mayumana bites its audience with the percussion bug. The rhythm, the excitement, the ingenuity and the skills are amazing and the enthusiasm of the group is contagious.

Each of the three members who spoke is convinced that Mayumana is the greatest thing that has ever happened in the world of entertainment, and they are all excited watching it grow.

However, they are a little bit overwhelmed by their success.

"People in Israel enjoy criticizing you," Una reflects, "so all the good words are definitely a bonus."

Mayumana has its own groupies and most of its shows are sold out way in advance. There is no doubt

that the future is bright for the group and their show which speaks to young and old alike.

"We hope there will be a few kids in the audience at each of our shows because kids see things differently and they react more spontaneously. They interact, they start laughing and they can sweep the entire audience with them," Nophar says.

The ensemble, whose show is virtually without dialogue, is preparing to record a song on disc and a video clip. Merchandizing (T-shirts and the like) is on its way. The group may open a school in the not so distant future and there are many other plans.

Nothing is stagnant with Mayumana, and you have to see the show to understand that.

The word Mayumana comes from the Hebrew word *Mayumanu* (proficiency).

"But I don't tell this to everyone. The idea was that we all had to obtain different proficiencies. It sort of became our karma during the working process and now it has its own sort of rhythm," Nophar reflects.

Mayumana is bright, evocative, powerful and tantalizing. Get your tickets as soon as you can, and like many others you will probably want to return again and again. I know I do.

All aboard the Orient Express

By GWEN ACKERMAN

Nestled on the top of a tall staircase in Jerusalem's Hyatt Hotel plaza is the Orient Express Nightclub, a disco for 20- and 30-somethings open four nights a week.

Guests must pass several doormen on their way up the stairs to pay an entrance fee that ranges from NIS 25 for students to NIS 40. The club itself is dark, except for an ample dance floor lit by flashing colored lights and strobes. The ceiling is carved wood and stained glass, the walls are draped with what looks like black velvet and the floors are carpeted in plush black.

Arranged around the slightly raised dancing area are comfortable living room-type sofas and wooden tables - some groupings offering a more intimate seating for those who want a bit of privacy.

The more serious drinkers choose to sit on high stools around a well-stocked mahogany bar manned by three barmen. A bottle of beer costs NIS 14 and a glass of wine NIS 10.

On Tuesday night the crowd was mostly Russian and college age - the dance floor was hopping when the disc jockey chose Russian-language disco music.

It's not a place for romantic lovers, but is a fun venue for a block party where one goes with a group of friends.

Club owner Ofer Alkoby, who opened Orient Express in 1991, says he's tried to change with the times - catering to younger crowds and altering the club's music to reflect modern trends.

Today the disc jockeys - who sit in a raised booth in the center of the club - play a lot of house and techno.

On Wednesdays, it's student night, and the music tends to be more rock 'n' roll. Every other Tuesday is '80s music night.

There is no food served at the club and the entrance fee does not include a drink. Despite all the tables and seating, there are no waiters - to get a drink you must go up to the bar.

Orient Express opens at 10 p.m. and usually closes around 3 or 4 a.m., as the partying winds down.

On Tuesday - a hot, muggy summer night - the air conditioning left something to be desired as the club grew more crowded and the dancing more intense.

Located a hop, skip and a jump from the Mt. Scopus Hebrew University campus and considered family by the high-class Hyatt Hotel, the club caters to international students and tourists.

"We try to give people fun," says Alkoby. "You know, in the past seven years, maybe 30 weddings came out of couples who met each other here."

Orient Express, Hyatt Hotel,
32 Lehi Street, Jerusalem

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Verse on my mind

English-language poet Amiel Schotz talks about his favorite poets

It is hard for poet/writer Amiel Schotz to pin down five points under any one cultural heading because he is talented in so many areas.

Born in Scotland, the son of an immigrant sculptor from Estonia who later became the Queen's Sculptor, Amiel Schotz's occupations during 33 years in Israel have ranged from computer programming to the professional stage.

Theater, admits Schotz, has been his first and most abiding love throughout his life. He says that being an actor and taking on the challenge of creating and communicating a living reality has provided him with his most vivid and joyful moments. He conducts workshops in creativity and theater games.

His recent book, *Theatre Games and Beyond: A Creative Approach*, distills his practical experience of over 20 years in the field.

Tennis is another of his passions. At the age of 62, he believes his game continues to improve. By the time he is 80, he thinks he'll be rather good.

As for poetry, he has just been appointed editor-in-chief of *Voices*, put out by the Israel English Poetry Association.

For Schotz, writing poetry is the opportunity to be captured by the concentration of thought and explore the feeling of using minimum sounds. He usually writes a poem as a voyage of discovery into his innermost feelings.

Here he talks about his favorite poets, each of whom, in his opinion, has an utterly unique voice and the ability to capture time, place, character or incident with precise imagery.

1. Robert Burns
"Burns was born in Scotland. I have a natural love of Burns. Whether writing a love lyric, social satire, a political statement or bawdy ballad, Burns creates vital, earthy characters and achingly lovely word pictures."

2. A.A. Milne
"Who else has seen so perfectly with the eyes of a child? His two little collections, *When We Were Very Young* and *Now We Are Six*, have never been equaled for humor, insight, and sheer love. They were my first real poems to which I was exposed to as a child, and gave me my first taste of the magic of poetry."



3. Wilfred Owen
"The handful of poems he wrote in the trenches of World War I contain all the terror, pity, and immediacy of war, in words conveying images of extraordinary and lasting power. He was able to transform the crushing physical and mental pressures into poems that are an intense tour de force of form and economy."

4. Ogden Nash
"The art of comedy, as every performer knows, is often harder than that of tragedy. Nash created a unique style, which, in its deliberately anti-poetic form, transcends prose. Above all, he has real things to share with us about the minutiae of life, so that we roar with laughter as we recognize ourselves, our foibles, and simple joys in his lines."

5. Dylan Thomas
"Like all great geniuses, this poet has the ability to shock you with a juxtaposition of sudden images that you later realize are inevitable. 'I can do no better than to quote one verse. In my craft or sullen art/ Exercised in the still of the night/ When only the moon rages/ And the lovers lie abed/ With all their griefs in their arms/ I labor by singing light/ Not for ambition or bread/ Or for the strut and trade of charms/ On the ivory stages/ But for the common wages/ Of their most secret heart.'"

- Sarah Hershenson

Hot tips

By DAHLIA SCHEINDLIN

Tel Aviv

You're lucky if love is all you need, because it's everywhere this weekend. Celebrate the Israeli love-fest in considerably warmer weather than you get for Valentine's Day.

Thursday is teeny-bop heaven, with the Hi Five playing at Ganei Yehoshua in Hayarkon Park in honor of Tu Be'av. Starts at 9 p.m. Call (03) 527-9797.

At Gag Hasmita (on the roof of Hasmita Theater), love's labor produces an evening called "Intima

Next" - an Israeli song celebration. Rimat Gabbai presents her new (first) album, and will be joined by Dana Berger, pout-faced Orly Pearl, Corinne Allal and others. Starts at 8:30 tonight.

On Friday night, a new entertainment show opens, called *Crazy With Love*. The production is based on the Broadway hit *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change...* At the Maxim Theater at 38 King George in Tel Aviv, but for night owls only: the performance begins at 12:15 a.m. Call (03) 604-4725 for ticket info.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights are a children's dream: the Czech circus *Laterna Magika Praha* has come to town! Parents are well-advised to attend as well. Don't miss an extravaganza of film, theater and dance. The company will be producing "The Wonderful Circus," at the Center for Performing Arts. Call (03) 604-4725.

The Tel Aviv Cinematheque this weekend offers a marathon of the worst movies ever. These are the lucky winners of Hollywood's

awards for the worst movies of the year. Winners (to be shown) include *G.I. Jane*, which deservedly won the worst actress of the year award, and *Con Air* which won the prize for being the most belittling to the audience. *The Postman* (Kevin Costner) took all: worst director, worst actor - with Kevin in both spots. At least somebody in Hollywood has taste.

Jerusalem

Lovey-dovey touchy-feely types should attend the Tu Be'av Love Poetry Slam with Marc Kirschbaum and guitarist-poet Inkblot Hurricane. At Yakar, 10 Halamed Heh St., Old Katamon, 9 p.m. 02-561-2310.

Butzot Hayotzer, a massive international arts-and-crafts fair, will be open from 6 to 11:30 p.m. at the Sultan's Pool. The fair includes musical events such as Micha Shetreet (tonight at 9:30. On Saturday, the spunky Jeremy Kaplan and The Flowers play. On Sunday, catch a special appear-

And Points Beyond

For the 18th year running, Leif Ahava Betzema is being held tonight at Tzema Beach. The event starts in the afternoon and the central performances start at 8:30. Dance parties will follow concerts by Ben Artzi, Jeremy Kaplan, Shabak S. and others; the rocking continues straight through until morning, and the entrance fee is NIS 119.

At Har Hanegev, a family event tonight includes hikes and an evening called Full Moon in the Desert. This culminates with David Broza's sweet melodies and wild guitar playing, and Ronit

Shahar's love songs. Call (03) 527-6677.

Tomorrow night, Yehudit Ravitz follows up an extended Love Fest event sponsored by Teva Venof, at Avdat ("Kikar Hamakdshim").

An Israeli premiere by Alabima and the Gypsies Los Niños Da Sara tops things off in the Caesarea region. The group plays at the Amphitheater at 9 p.m. tomorrow.

The Gypsies then wander down to the Dead Sea for a 10 p.m. performance, and move on to Eilat by Saturday. Call (03) 527-9797.

And this must be the season for delectable festivals.

Ashkelon Park hosts the Briza Festival, starting Saturday night. This five-day event is in its fourth year running. There is something here for even the most eclectic tastes: Shlomo Artzi, Rita, Habreira Hativ'it, Zehava Ben, Atraf, and Ilana Eliya. Performers from abroad will include Greek singers and flamenco dancers.

Weekender Food & Drink

Plum crazy

No matter which plum you pick, these recipes will guarantee success with this summer-cooking classic. By Robb Walsh and Elizabeth Riely

A child is usually bewildered by his first bite of a plum. The skin is tart and a little rough. Yet the flesh is sweet, soft and juicy. When you cook plums, something magical happens. The sweetness of the flesh, tartness of the skin, and spectrum of colors come together in harmony.

Deciding which plum to buy, however, can be daunting. You never know which of the more than 250 varieties might turn up in the produce section on any given summer day. A plum expert like Dale Janzen of the California Plum Marketing Board – whose state grows 97 percent of the US's plums – prefers the red-skinned Santa Rosa for cooking, especially for making jam.

"Its tarter skin gives the jam a wonderful sweet-tart taste," he says.

Janzen also suggests that you should always leave the skin on when cooking plums "not only for the tartness but also for the color." But what if you're not a professor of plumology? How can you know which variety to choose? Relax. Fact is, all plums taste about the same: sweet flesh inside tart skins. The choices are not so much about flavor as appearance or seasonal availability. A green or black plum may be best for presentation, and a red Santa Rosa may be ready for market before a green Kelisey, but other than that, a plum's pretty much a plum.

"It'd be too confusing for consumers to try to keep up with all the varieties," Janzen says.

It may seem odd, but most plums wind up as prunes. These "prune plums," also called blue or European plums, are very small – about twice the size of a grape – and very grainy to the taste.

Almost all the ones we eat fresh or cook with, however, are part of a general type known as Japanese plums. In 1885, horticulturalist Luther Burbank, the Johnny Appleseed of plums, imported 12 plum seeds to the US from Japan and hybridized them. Nearly all of today's Japanese plums are descendants of those original seeds.

Japanese plums fall into three major categories: red, black and green. The black Angeleno and Friar and red Santa Rosa are the top sellers. Green-skinned plums were developed primarily for export to Asia, where they're popular for pickling.

Each of the three types is suitable for everything from tarts to entrees. And although some plums will change color as they ripen – green to yellow, yellow to red, and so on – the sugar content remains the same after it is picked.

You'd think a greengrocer would go crazy from all the choices, but most preserve their sanity by keeping a close eye on the calendar.

"I try to keep a red plum, a black plum, and a green plum available in the fruit section all summer," says Jon Klitz, produce buyer for Whole Foods Market's Southwest region. "The different varieties of plums each have their own period of peak maturity. Red Beaus are the first ones to come out in early May, then every couple of weeks, another variety takes over. You have to buy the plum that's best at the time."

Plum breeders are also working on creating a whole new family of plum-related fruits. Apriums, pluots and pluocots – all crosses between plums and apricots – will start vying for your attention at the produce counter soon. As if 250 varieties of plums weren't enough to keep straight.

PLUM PINWHEEL TART

If you can't find a red-fleshed plum, Santa Rosa plums – which have a yellow flesh and red skin – can be substituted.

Tart dough:
1/4 cup granulated sugar
6 Tbsp. margarine or butter
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1/2 cup cream cheese
1 large egg
2 cups flour
1/4 tsp. salt

Tart filling:
cooking spray
4 cups thinly sliced ripe red-fleshed plums (about 12 plums)
1/4 cup red currant jelly
2 Tbsp. water
1 large egg
1 tsp. water
2 Tbsp. granulated sugar

To prepare tart dough: Combine the first 4 ingredients in a large bowl and beat at medium speed of a mixer for 2 minutes or until mixture is light and fluffy. Add egg and beat at high speed for 1 minute or until mixture is very smooth.

Lightly spoon the flour into dry measuring cups and level with a knife. Combine flour and salt and add to sugar mixture, beating at low speed just until the flour mixture is moist. Gently shape the dough into a ball on heavy-duty plastic wrap and cover with additional plastic wrap. Freeze dough 2 hours.

Preheat oven to 205°. Roll dough, still covered, into a 36-cm. circle on a lightly floured surface. Remove bottom sheet of plastic wrap. Place the dough on a large baking sheet coated with cooking spray, and remove top sheet of plastic wrap.

Arrange plum slices over dough, leaving an 8-cm. border. Combine red currant jelly and 2 Tbsp. water in a small microwave-safe dish and cook on high for 30 seconds or until jelly melts. Brush melted jelly mixture over plums. Fold 8-cm. border of dough over plums, pressing gently to seal (dough will partially cover plums).

Combine 1 egg and 1 tsp. water. Brush dough with egg mixture and sprinkle with sugar. Bake at 205° for 25 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool tart on pan for 5 minutes. Carefully slide tart onto a platter using a spatula. (Serves 10.)

THREE-PLUM UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE
Any ripe plum will work in this recipe. But arranging different-colored plums in the pan creates a stained-glass effect when you turn the cake.

2 Tbsp. margarine or butter
1 cup sugar, divided
3 Tbsp. triple sec (orange-flavored liqueur) or orange juice
2 ripe red-skinned plums, halved and pitted
2 ripe purple or black-skinned plums, halved and pitted
2 ripe green-skinned plums, halved and pitted
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup low-fat milk
1 Tbsp. margarine or butter, melted

Preheat oven to 175°. Remove and discard giblets and neck from chicken. Rinse chicken under cold water; pat dry. Trim excess fat. Lift wing tips up and over back; tuck under chicken. Sprinkle chicken with rind, coriander and pepper. Place chicken on a rack coated with cooking spray; place rack in a shallow

Getting plum plums

Ripe plums yield slightly to the touch, but don't squeeze. Let the fruit sit in your palm. It should give a little.

If you buy firmer fruit, though, don't put it in the refrigerator or the kitchen window – put it in a paper bag in a dark place for a day or two. The paper bag traps ethylene, the gas that naturally ripens fruit, but the bag also lets the fruit breathe.

"And if you really want to see a huge difference in ripening, put a fruit that produces lots of natural ethylene, like an apple or a pear, in the bag with the plums," plum expert Dale Janzen advises. "That really speeds up the process."

Although the plums may now taste sweeter, it's actually a trick on your palate. The sugar level remains the same after picking, but the acidity falls, so it only seems sweeter.

1 tsp. grated orange rind
1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 large egg yolks
4 large egg whites

roasting pan coated with cooking spray

Combine sherry, broth, juice, honey and garlic in a small bowl; reserve 1/4 cup of this mixture for sauce.

Insert a meat thermometer into meaty part of thigh, making sure not to touch bone. Bake chicken at 175° for 30 minutes; baste with remaining sherry-mixture. Bake an additional 45 minutes, basting every 15 minutes.

Add shallots to pan; bake an additional 15 minutes and baste. Add almonds and plums; bake an additional 15 minutes or until thermometer registers 80°.

Place chicken on a platter; place shallots, plums and almonds around chicken using a slotted spoon. Cover chicken loosely with foil; let stand 10 minutes.

Place the roasting pan over a stove-top burner. Add reserved 1/4 cup sherry mixture to pan; bring to a boil over medium heat, scraping pan to loosen browned bits.

Reduce heat; simmer 5 minutes. Cool slightly. Place a zip-top plastic bag inside a 2-cup glass measure. Pour drippings into bag; let stand 10 minutes (fat will rise to the top). Seal bag; carefully snip off 1 corner of bag. Drain drippings into a bowl, stopping before the fat layer reaches the opening. Discard fat.

Remove foil from chicken and discard skin; serve sauce with chicken. Garnish with thyme sprigs, if desired. (Serves 6.)

BAKED PLUMS MADEIRA

Marsala, sherry or port can be substituted for the madeira. For a nonalcoholic version, you can substitute additional fresh orange juice for the alcohol.

2 kg. roasting chicken
1 tsp. grated lemon rind
1/4 tsp. ground coriander
1/4 tsp. black pepper
cooking spray
1/2 cup dry sherry
1/2 cup chicken broth
1/4 cup lemon juice
2 Tbsp. honey
1 garlic clove, minced
9 large shallots, peeled and halved
1/4 cup blanched almonds, toasted
6 firm green-skinned plums, pitted and quartered
thyme sprigs (optional)

Preheat oven to 175°. Remove and discard giblets and neck from chicken. Rinse chicken under cold water; pat dry. Trim excess fat. Lift wing tips up and over back; tuck under chicken. Sprinkle chicken with rind, coriander and pepper. Place chicken on a rack coated with cooking spray; place rack in a shallow

Preheat oven to 230°. Place plum quarters in a 28x18cm. baking dish coated with cooking spray. Combine sugar, orange rind, madeira, orange juice and cinnamon. Drizzle orange juice mixture over plums. Bake at 230° for 20 minutes.

Serve plums over yogurt; top with pine nuts. (Serves 6.)

TRIPLE-PLUM SALSA

Serve this colorful salsa with grilled chicken or fish.

1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
2 Tbsp. chopped fresh coriander
1 Tbsp. minced seeded jalapeno pepper
1 tsp. grated lemon rind
1 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
2 tsp. minced, peeled fresh ginger
2 tsp. vegetable oil
2 ripe red-skinned plums, pitted and diced
2 ripe green-skinned plums, pitted and diced
2 ripe purple or black-skinned plums, pitted and diced

Combine all ingredients in a bowl and toss well. Let stand 30 minutes. (Makes 4 cups.)



By PHYLLIS GLAZER

Phyllis's Tips

come in cans. While they do contain sugar, the drinks in this line are far better than those in Tempo's Jump line, which sold more than 20 million bottles last year. The 33-ml. cans sell for NIS 3-3.50, depending on where you purchase them.

Spring (avoid)

Spring is an Israeli success story showing that with a reasonably tasty product and a large enough advertising budget, you can get a nice chunk of the market. The Spring line, which is almost 12 years old, includes seven flavors that contain a lot of sugar but no artificial ingredients.

Now the company has come out with several new drinks and I don't understand what happened. They taste like a combination of watered-down juice, Hawaiian Punch and Kool Aid. It's hard to believe that these are really natural juices. I'd stick to cider or those fruit juices sweetened with natural sugars. A 400-ml. bottle costs NIS 6 to NIS 6.50.

Mocha walnut cake (avoid)

Elite always seems to surprise me. It makes pretty good chocolate and comes up with cute sales gimmicks, but still manages to make the loudest cakes. Its new mocha walnut cake has a distinct chemical aftertaste and is dry as the Sahara.

So how come Elite's public-relations people tell me this cake got great marks in taste tests and is destined to become one of the most popular Elite cakes? And why, again according to its PR people, does Elite have 37% of the packaged cake market?

The only answers I can come up with are that the public is looking for a cheap alternative to bring to kindergarten and PTA meetings or that the public is

increasingly losing its taste. A 450-gr. cake sells for NIS 11.50.

Pasta sauce (OK)

I'm a fan of Vita's plain pasta sauce, which is slightly sweet and reminds me of an American brand I used to like. But Vita's newest addition to the line – pasta sauce with hot pepper – leaves something to be desired. The basic taste is not so good, and the addition of hot pepper doesn't help. A 350-ml. jar costs NIS 7.85. (Vita has also just come out with a new cream sauce, but I haven't had an opportunity to try it yet.)

If you like spicy sauce, it's better to buy the plain sauce and add your own spices.

Tropical ice cream (fair)

The Montego tropical ice-cream pop, with a sorbet topping made of mango, pineapple and passionflower, is one of Nestlé Motta's latest products. As usual with Nestlé Motta products, the ingredients, which are listed only in Hebrew, include E-100 and E-160 food colorings and unspecified emulsifiers and aromatic and flavoring materials.

Although it tastes good and is a cute orange-like shape, I'd personally make another choice. NIS 5 for a 70-gr. bar.

Sad news

I was very disappointed recently to find my beloved Ben and Jerry's has gone downhill. During my last visit to the ice-cream company's Dizengoff branch, there was no whipped cream for sundaes and the ice cream had chunks of ice in it.

My sister, who was visiting from Los Angeles, was surprised at the difference between the real Ben and Jerry's ice cream available in the US and the watered-down substitute we were served here.

FEED

By PHYLLIS GLAZER

If you think kids are difficult, listen to this: My husband absolutely refuses to eat vegetables, even though the doctor recommended them to alleviate his constipation. What can I do?

— Dorothy Rosen, Kiryat Ono

I would suggest that your relatives check the sugar content of the fat-free bakery products they are buying. American non-fat cakes and cookies are notoriously high in sugar, which if consumed in excess (which people have a tendency to do because it is fat free) will turn to fat in your body anyway.

What can you tell me about millet? I have tried cooking it a few times, just as I would cook cereal, but find that it has a bitter taste. What is its nutritional value and can it be utilized in the same way as kasha or rice? Also how can we remove the bitter taste?

— Shirley Grantz, Jerusalem

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telling me about wonderful non-fat cakes and non-fat or low-fat products produced in the US. I've been wondering about whether they really are much better for you than products with the normal amount of fat.

— Eva Krantz, Ashdod

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PLUM ICE CREAM WITH PLUM-COGNAC SAUCE

Use red-skinned, deep-purple or black-skinned plums in order to give this ice cream a delicate rosy hue.

3 cups diced ripe plums (about 6 plums)
1/4 cup sugar
2 1/2 cups low-fat milk
2 Tbsp. cognac or apple juice
1/4 cup slivered almonds, toasted

Combine the plums and sugar in a medium-sized saucepan; cook over medium heat 5 minutes or until plums are tender and sugar is dissolved. Place plum mixture in a food processor; process until smooth. Strain plum mixture

through a sieve into a bowl, measuring out 2 1/4 cups puree. Discard solids. Cover and chill completely. Combine 1 1/2 cups plum puree and milk in the freezer can of an ice-cream freezer; freeze according to manufacturer's instructions. Spoon ice cream into a freezer-safe container; cover and freeze until firm (about 1 hour).

Combine 1/4 cup plum puree and cognac in a small bowl. Spoon over ice cream and sprinkle with slivered almonds. (Serves 8.)

GINGERY PLUM JAM

2 kg. ripe purple-skinned plums, pitted and cut into 2.5-cm. pieces (about 24 plums)
1 cup water
3 cups sugar
3 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
1 1/2 Tbsp. minced, peeled fresh ginger

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Dutch oven and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 20 minutes or until tender. Stir in sugar, juice, ginger and rind. Cook over medium heat 40 minutes, until thick. Stir mixture occasionally. (Do not overcook or mixture will scorch.)

Cool. Discard lemon rind. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator up to 2 weeks. (Makes 4 cups.)

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The forest in the clouds

Weekender Travel

Day Tripper

By Haim Shapira

In the old days, when I still did reserve duty, one of the highlights of every stint was a hike, led by a female soldier.

Usually it would involve walking for a few hours and ending up at some beautiful spot with a panoramic view. It was when we reached this point that I would joke to the guide that this was a beautiful place - and that there should be a cable car to the site. She, in all seriousness, would then try to convince me that we should not commercialize every beautiful nature spot in the country.

Well, the words I spoke in jest have come true. There is now a cable car from Kiryat Shmona in the Hula Valley, to Manara on the Nafali Range above. I went to see this new installation, convinced that I would hate it, but actually found that it was quite nice.

The cable car goes up 1,895 meters in 12 minutes. It consists of four groups of three globe-shaped cars, which stop at the bottom and the top, and at a station exactly midway between the two.

Apparently I was not the only one who doubted the wisdom of installing the cable car.

Eliezer Guttman, a member of Kibbutz Manara and the director of the site, said that although the idea of such a cable car had first been suggested in 1947, even before the establishment of the state, many kibbutz members had objected, convinced that it would disturb their peaceful way of life.

What it undoubtedly will do is make the beautiful views at the edge of the forest on the cliff accessible to many more people. The spot, even when partially obscured by clouds of dust, as it is much of the summer, affords a broad view of the Hula Valley, with the mountains of the Golan Heights in the background. When the weather is clear, you can see the snowcapped peak of Mt. Hermon in the distance and the mountains of Lebanon, Syria and Jordan.

At present, however, when you



The new cable car, which ascends 1,895 meters in 12 minutes, allows many more people to enjoy the the beautiful views from Manara.

(Koko photo)

arrive at the top station, there does not seem to be much around. There is a large parking lot, but even if you go up to the retaining wall on the edge, you will find your view obstructed by trees.

To get the best views, what you should do is go straight uphill from the top station. On your right

is a natural oak forest with occasional gaps in the trees. If you enter one of these gaps, you will find yourself in a forest which is not too difficult to navigate.

In the forest itself there are secluded areas where it is pleasant to sit and relax and perhaps eat a picnic lunch. It's possible to sit on

the ground, but if you're fussy, you might want to bring along a blanket or other covering.

By following one of the trails downhill, you come to the edge of the forest. The secluded nooks between the trees offer a place to sit and enjoy the view. There is also a path along the rocks at the

edge of the cliff. For those who find it too difficult to walk through the forest, the best view is probably that from the deck of the new snack bar, which has been built just below the cable car. Eventually, many more attractions are planned. There is to be a panoramic restaur-

ant on top and at the midway station, and facilities for rock climbers. Within a short time, there should also be arrangements for visitors who would like to spend a few hours at the nearby pool of Kibbutz Manara.

Guttman promises that one attraction, mountain biking, will

be available in the near future. It will be possible to rent bicycles at the top station and at the midway station for riding on relatively easy mountain trails downhill.

At present, the cable car is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The roundtrip fare is NIS 30 for adults, NIS 25 for children.

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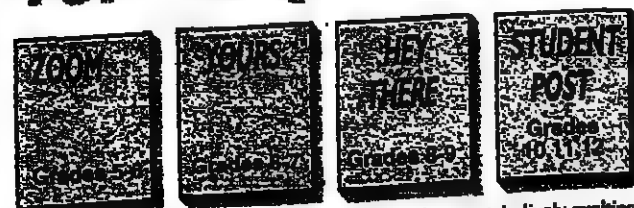
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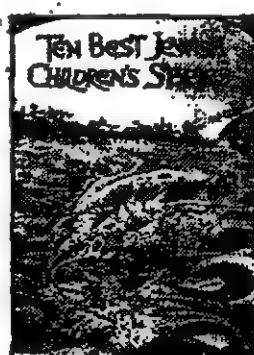
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(Left) Sculpture in a 'soft' print; (above) sculpture in a 'hard' or 'contrasty' print (Photos: David Brauner)

Balancing the contrast so that pictures are punchy without being over the top is a problem that faces most photographers. The difficulty with contrast is compounded by the fact that it is also a matter of personal preference and perception.

As a concept in photography, contrast is best understood in terms of black and white and all the grays in between. Without contrast there could be no such thing as a visible image. A line in a photograph is formed by contrast, a difference between two tones standing next to each other. To easily see and understand contrast, switch your television set to the color bars on Channel 20 (if you have cable) or a test pattern on other channels before or after transmission. Reduce the color bars to black and white with your remote.

Then play around with the contrast button (the circle that is half black/half white) until the bars, especially at the dark end (right) are entirely distinguishable.

Black-and-white panchromatic films render colors as different shades of gray.

The negative captures a relatively high range of contrast gradation. But photographic paper can only reproduce about 50 percent of the negative range. In other words, film is more sensitive than photographic paper, and that's why a print often

appears to be rather disappointing compared to the negative as seen under the enlarger.

If the final result – the print – is black and bold with few tones of intermediate gray, it is called "hard" or "contrasty." A flat, dull picture with little black or white is "soft." A "normal" print exhibits the fullest possible spectrum of tones.

Contrast is affected by every piece of equipment and by all materials and techniques employed in the photographic process. So lenses, enlargers, film, paper stocks, chemicals and, of course, the individual preferences and ways of working

contrast becomes one, big, hard-to-control variable.

IF YOU know you have accidentally over- or under-exposed a whole film, say by setting the wrong ASA/ISO, you can redress the balance in the film development stage, to a certain extent.

For over-exposure, you must under-develop by slightly weakening the developer and/or reducing the development time. For under-exposure, you over-develop by mildly strengthening the developer and/or increasing the development time.

Overcompensating leads to total ruin, so be careful.

Contrast in the printing stage is far easier to control. Paper contrast varies vastly from brand to brand, even in the same grades. Many papers scatter light for softer pictures; glossy papers concentrate light for harder images. The modern variable or multi-grade papers have made life much easier. The full range of contrast from ultra-soft to super-hard is contained in one sheet of paper. Filters in the enlarger determine the contrast grade.

Keeping cool

With most of us perspiring heavily and wilting in this summer's infernal heat, what appeals to us most is anything that will make us feel cool, clean and refreshed. My favorite balm is a face-cloth well soaked in water and then liberally sprayed with men's cologne.

Why men's? For one thing, fragrances for men are usually less expensive than those for women, and for another they have more zap to them and evaporate at a slower pace.

I fold the wet cloth and put it in one of those plastic zip-lock sandwich bags. When the cloth is folded several times, it retains both the moisture and the scent.

Any time that I'm out of range of an air conditioner, I take out the cloth, wash my face and my neck. The relief is indescribable.

BUT sometimes one wants to indulge in something a little more luxurious. For those times, Issey Miyake has a whole range of new products in his L'Eau d'Issey series.

For a sweating scalp and unruly hair that loses its luster in summer there is perfumed hair-shine spray that makes your head smell good, keeps your hair in place and gives

it a sheen. Cost is NIS 109 for a 75-ml bottle.

Then there's pure exfoliating gel with tiny grains that help to get rid of impurities and dead cells and genuinely leave your skin feeling smooth and fresh, not to mention sweet-smelling. This gel should be applied in soft circular motions tantamount to massage, which is in itself a good thing.

Also in the gel family is the after-sun moisturizing gel, which is pure pampering, and is priced at NIS 129 for 200 ml.

For men, there is a flat bottle series called The Stackables. Almost weightless plastic bottles containing L'Eau d'Issey Pour Homme Eau de Toilette, alcohol-free spray deodorant and shampoo, this NIS 229 package is great for the frequent traveler.

For the man who feels the need to freshen up every hour or so, the bottles are flat enough to comfortably carry in the breast pocket of a suit jacket.

The aroma of the deodorant is very subtle, without the familiar tang of pine or tabac. The eau de toilette is just a little stronger.

AS A rule, I usually adore Jean Paul Gaultier cosmetics, both for the originality of their packaging and for their overall effect. When I received the miniature samples of perfumed body cream in a pear-shaped container conveniently sized for traveling, and an accompanying slim vial of eau de toilette, both

stored in an apricot pink drawstring bag made out of toweling, I was initially delighted.

But I was not overly thrilled with the texture of the cream, which did not feel very smooth on my skin. Nor was its fragrance particularly appealing. It was much too tart for summer – perhaps because of its citric acid content. The eau de toilette was an improvement, but still not light enough for summer to suit my senses.

Kenzo also failed to live up to expectations. The packaging was gorgeous, a tiny little pale-turquoise tote bag lined with violet containing tubes of perfumed bath gel and perfumed body lotion and a tiny vial of spray perfume. But the aroma which assailed my nostrils was very

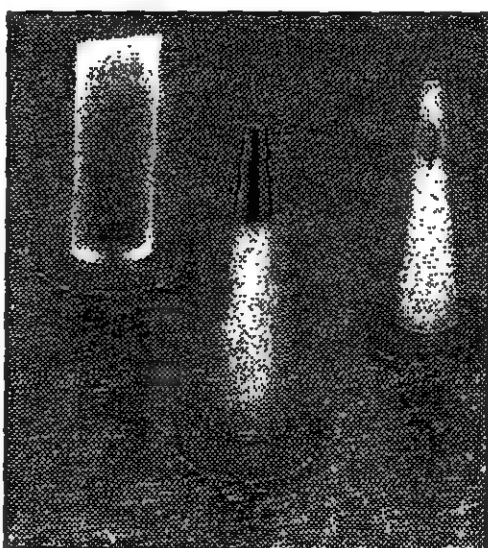
similar to that of acetone, but just a little sweeter.

Much more pleasant was Emanuel Ungaro's Fleur de Diva, which, as its name suggests, is forceful rather than subtle, but also has something coquettish in its character.

There is a strong overtone of rose which is Ungaro's favorite flower, but merged with the other extracts the scent was more aggressive than that of the sweet, romantic perfume which characterizes rose.

Fleur de Diva comes in three sizes – 30, 50 and 100 ml selling for NIS 129, NIS 179 and NIS 269.

Even before you try Christian Dior's Eau de Dolce Vita, you will be charmed by the beautifully designed bottle with its multifaceted dewdrop image. The fragrance itself is a combination of fruit, flower, woody and spicy elements blended by well-known perfumer Jacques Cavalier.



Issey Miyake's luxurious L'Eau d'Issey series will help remedy all your summer woes, from the sweating scalp to unruly hair to dry skin.

Testing and elusive, the subtle play of the ingredients keeps you guessing. Nothing dominates the bouquet. There is an amazingly delicate balance between the top notes (pear blossom, mandarin, bergamot and grapefruit), the middle notes (jasmine, white pepper, freesia and peony) and the base notes (Indian sandalwood, soft vanilla and osmanthus).

It is available in 50 ml and 100 ml bottles for NIS 182 and NIS 265.

Weekender Leisure

Bridge Playing with finesse

By MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

West dealer
North-South vulnerable

North (Hamman)	
♠ A982	
♥ 974	
♦ 10873	
♣ K4	
East	
♠ 103	
♥ 105	
♦ KJ52	
♣ 109852	
South (Wolff)	
♠ KJ54	
♥ KJ3	
♦ AQ96	
♣ QJ	

West	North	East	South
1♥	pass	1♠	double
pass	3♠	pass	2♣
(all pass)			3NT

Opening lead: ♥6

All bridge players are aware of the term "finesse." The typical example is when you have an ace-queen combination and you lead a card toward the A-Q.

When second-hand plays low, you put in the queen and you have a 50 percent chance that you'll win the trick. You have taken a simple finesse.

There are other types of finesses, too, and they can get complex. For example, there's the double finesse. Here you hold the A-Q-10 in a suit (see today's diamond suit) and you lead a card toward this holding, putting in the 10.

For this finesse to succeed, you need both the king and jack to be in the same hand, a 25 percent chance. There are others as well: the ruffing finesse, the two-way finesse, the double finesse, etc.

This week we will take a look at one of the favorites here in Israel: the backward finesse! Why is this one of our favorites? Perhaps because we have one of the few languages written right to left.

Israelis also like a bit of pizzazz in their lives, and the backward finesse is one way to achieve this. See if you can spot the position in today's deal.

The hand was played in the 12th World Top Tournament, sponsored by Cap Gemini, an invitational pairs event in the Hague this past January. The deal features one of the best partnerships of the last three decades, Bob Hamman (North) and Bobby Wolff (South), who have recently stopped play-

ing together. The bidding was instructive. Wolff balanced with a takeout double, because his hand was too strong for a one-notrump overall in fourth position. Hamman bid one spade and when Wolff raised to two spades, inviting game, Hamman tried once more with a bid of three spades.

It sounded like "mama-papa" bidding to the spectators, but then Wolff showed his professional flair when he reverted to three notrump, offering an alternative contract.

West led a heart. Wolff won the jack of hearts at trick one and realized he'd need a bit of luck. He led a spade to dummy's ace and played the 10 of diamonds. East played low, and Wolff played low. It won the trick!

Wolff led the eight of diamonds and East covered with the jack. The queen won the trick as West discarded a club.

Wolff now deduced that East, who held the king-jack of diamonds, could not hold the queen of spades, because he had passed the opening one-heart bid.

So Wolff cashed the king of spades and led the jack of spades to West's queen, establishing an entry to dummy for another diamond finesse. There was nothing West could do. Wolff had to score three spades, one heart, four diamonds and one club, to make his contract. Notice that if Wolff had bid four spades instead of three notrump, East would have led the 10 of hearts and the defenders would have scored the first four tricks to defeat the contract.

So where's the backward finesse? For this to come into play, you must assume a club opening lead against three notrump. The club lead will put South in tremendous jeopardy and South must try to take the first nine tricks.

Suppose you were South. You win the first trick in dummy with the king of clubs and take the double-finesse in diamonds, a desperate but necessary play. When the diamond 10 holds, you play another diamond, covered with the jack, and won by the queen.

Then, deducing West's shape and pointcount, you lead the jack of spades on the first round of spades, for a backward finesse.

It does West no good to cover. If he covers, you lead back toward your hand in spades and when the 10 of spades appears, you cash your spades and take a third diamond finesse to score the first nine tricks. Well done!

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Chess Caught in the Web

By MIGUEL SHORT

I have sometimes imagined that God created the Internet with chess players in mind. A late convert, I recently spent a happy month visiting the multitudinous chess Web sites.

That was before I got my credit-card bill. CompuServe had billed me with a staggering \$25/hour surcharge for use of the Net.

On complaining to them (and I have spent many hours attempting to elicit responses to my questions), CompuServe informed me that they had been offering all along an identical service with a (very expensive, but radically lower) \$6/hour surcharge. In the future they suggested, perhaps I should change plans.

I proposed that it would be ethical to refund me the difference between the two rates.

"No," came the prompt reply. They clearly felt no need for such action.

After two-and-a-half weeks of stonewalling and procrastination, with a written refusal to countenance reimbursement, CompuServe finally agreed to refund the money. Of course, this had nothing to do with my threat to publicize the case.

Do not worry, though; not every company is as brazenly rapacious in its exploitation of the technologically unsophisticated as CompuServe. Should you succeed in avoiding them, there are pleasures a-plenty in store.

The most important chess Web sites are as follows:

"The Week in Chess" (<http://www.chess.co.uk>). All the latest news, plus some (normally) amusing articles by Mig. You can download a large number of high-quality recent games from here.

In addition, there are links to quite a number of other sites, such as "Chess Planet" (<http://www.chess-web.com>) which is the FIDE Internet organ. This site is not arranged in the most user-friendly fashion, but it contains a lot of interesting stuff, such as the latest FIDE ratings.

Should you wish to play on-line, then I can recommend the "Internet Chess Club" (<http://www.chess-club.com>).

club.com). Before beginning, you must download some junk, but then you can chat or play with other enthusiasts to your heart's content.

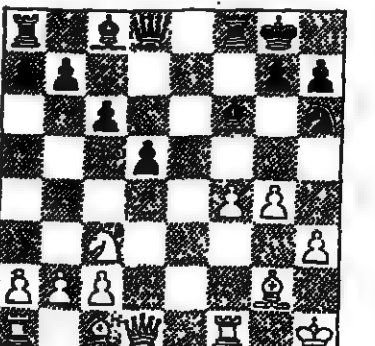
For today's game – which has nothing whatsoever to do with cyberspace – we go over to the Bundesliga and witness a neat victory by Britain's Michael Adams.

White: Edwardas Rozentalis
Black: Michael Adams
Bundesliga, 1998

1. e4 Nf6 2. A somewhat unusual choice by Adams but obviously he wished to avoid Rozentalis's Exchange Spanish, which he plays with monotonous regularity.

2. e5 Nf5 3. g3 d6 4. exd6 exd6 5. Be2 Nf6 6. d4 Be7 7. Nf3 0-0 8. 0-0 d5 9. Ne5 c6 10. Ne3 Nbd7 11. f4 Nxe5 Simplification. 12. dxe5? 12. fxe5 looks better to me. 12... Nf4 13. Kh1 f6 14. h3 Nf6 15. exf6 Bxf6 16. g4?

Black (Adams) to play



White (Rozentalis)

The decisive mistake comes at a surprisingly early stage. White stands worse but it was not necessary to lose quite so directly.

16... Bxc3 17. bxc3 Bg4! launching a rapid attack. 18. h4xg4 Qh4+ 19. Kg1 Nf4 20. Rf3 Rxe8 21. Bd2 Re4! The point. White is helpless against the build-up of the Black forces.

22. f5 Rf8 23. f6 A desperate push which does nothing to change the course of events. 23... gxf6 24. Bh3 Re2 penetrating the seventh rank. White cannot prevent the deadly threat of 25... Nh2 and therefore resigns.

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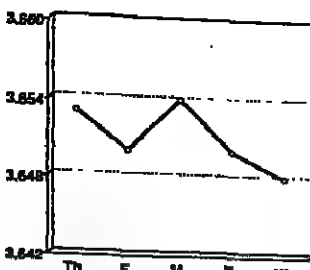
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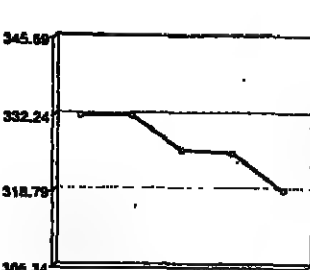
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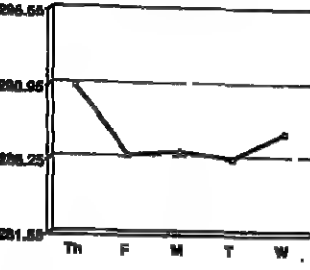


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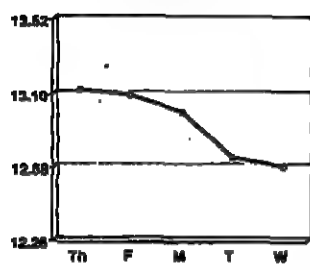
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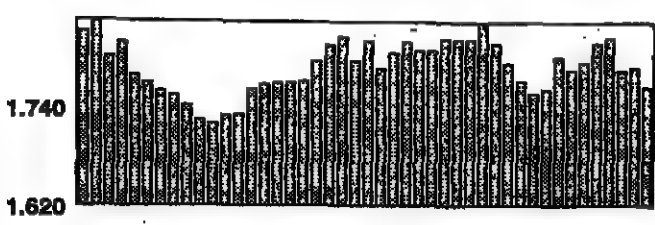


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Israel, Romania agree on free trade talks

Industry and Trade Minister Nathan Sharansky and his Romanian counterpart, Radu Berceanu, yesterday agreed on a framework for advancing a free trade accord.

The sides are to hold a discussion on sectors that are problematic for Israel to include in the accord, and special terms for their import to Israel, according to the Industry and Trade Ministry.

Earlier this week, Romania opened a privatization bureau in Ramat Gan, to be operated by Resido Fibi, a subsidiary of Miloumor, controlled by Freddy Robinson.

Nina Gilbert

Central bank's Schurr to EBRD

Gideon Schurr, a member of the Bank of Israel board and the head of its foreign relations department, will replace Amos Robin as the Israeli representative at the European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD) in London. EBRD was established in 1991 to foster the transition toward market-oriented economies in post-communist Europe. The central bank has also announced that Gabriel Fiszman, the bank's spokesman, would also become head of public relations. Dr. Rafi Maron will replace Schurr at the foreign relations department.

Dan Gerstenfeld

Elbit: No news of changes to Polish upgrade deal

By STEVE RODAN

Elbit Systems Ltd., Israel's largest privately held defense contractor, said yesterday it has not been informed by the Polish government of any recommendation to restructure a tender won by an Elbit-led consortium for the \$800 million upgrade of the Huzar helicopter.

Poland's comptroller agency, NIK, has advised that the Huzar upgrade contract be withdrawn, with the avionics and electronics portion, previously won by Elbit Systems, reopened to competition.

A Polish government spokesman said on Tuesday that Warsaw would announce a new date for the competition to integrate the Huzar upgrade.

He did not mention the portion of the contract won by Rafael for the supply of the NT-D anti-tank missile.

Last October, Elbit Systems, which led a consortium of Rafael Israel Armament Development Authority, Haifa, and El-Op Electro-Optics Industries Ltd., Rehovot, was notified that it had been chosen over a group led by Boeing Co. and GEC Marconi.

Neither the defense ministry nor Elbit executives reported receiving any word of the cancellation of the current Huzar contract. Elbit Systems president Joseph Ackerman said yesterday he wasn't sure exactly what Poland had meant by its announcement.

"We are trying to understand what it means," he said. "Until now, we are assuming that nothing has changed."

"There is nothing new," he added. "There is a consortium and we're waiting for a decision."

We don't know of any change," Ackerman said. Elbit Systems technical teams are still in Poland holding discussions with their Polish counterparts over the Huzar upgrade.

In April, Israel and Poland agreed to establish a committee to implement the Huzar contract, signed by the previous government in Warsaw just before it handed over power in October to the current ruling coalition. Israeli officials said the work of the committee, which had been scheduled to end last May, is far from finished.

Meanwhile, Elbit Systems reported a 15 percent increase in revenues for the second quarter of 1998 as compared to the same period last year.

Revenues for the second quarter were \$100.3 million, compared to \$87.2 million for the same period in 1997. Net income for the quarter increased by 33% to \$6.8 million, or \$0.25 per share, compared with \$5.1 million, or \$0.22 per share for the same period last year.

Elbit's revenues for the first six months of this year were reported at \$203.3 million, up from \$179 million for the same period last year.

Net income for the first half of 1998 increased 31% to \$12.9 million. Gross profit was \$56.4 million, or 27.7% of revenues, compared with \$47.9 million, or 26.7 percent of revenues for the first six months of last year.

The company's backlog of orders as of June 30, 1998 was \$681 million, compared with \$670 million as of December 31, 1997.

Orders abroad constituted 74% of the backlog and 75% of the backlog is scheduled for delivery by the end of 1999.

Delta Galil to launch major share offer on Wall Street

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Delta Galil Industries, Israel's largest textile manufacturer, yesterday said that it plans a public offering in a yet-to-be-specified US share market either late this year or early next year.

The company, which is controlled by Dov Lautman, said it has not decided yet on the terms of the offering and the sum which will be raised. Lautman has stated in the past, however, that the company would raise at least tens of millions of dollars.

The company also said yesterday that second-quarter net profit surged 409 percent to NIS 14.2

million from NIS 2.8m. a year earlier, though revenues decreased 5% to NIS 260.2m.

The main reason for the decline was a 22% plunge in local sales, which comprise some 15% of Delta's sales, and operating costs related to the marketing of its upscale-underwear retail chain, Intima. At the same time, overseas sales rose by 5% to NIS 441m.

Delta had previously contemplated offering shares on the London Stock Exchange, but decided not to do so, according to CEO Arnon Tiberg.

Amit Tesler, an analyst at Ofek Securities and Investments, said he believes the company will issue

some 25% of its stock.

Other textile companies which trade on Wall Street have a P/E ratio of 15, while Delta is currently traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange on a P/E ratio of only 9.6, based on 1997 earnings.

"They will wait until the end of the year, as earnings are expected to significantly improve, and then offer the shares," Tesler said.

Tiberg said that the funds raised would be used to open another sewing plant in Romania. Delta also is considering the acquisition of other textile companies.

While the company refused to provide additional information, analysts believe US investment

house Lehman Brothers will underwrite the offering. Earlier this year Lehman issued a favorable report on the company, rating it 1-Buy.

Tiberg said that an underwriter has not been chosen yet, although several foreign investment houses have approached the company.

The Israeli textile industry, which has been associated with bitter labor disputes in the past, has changed its image completely during the last several years. Last September, Tefron, another Israeli textile company, raised \$89.3m. on the New York Stock Exchange.

Tiberg said, however, that Delta's offering would be on a lower

scale.

Delta is the largest manufacturer and marketer of textiles in Israel and is one of the largest private-label underwear manufacturers in the world. The company was one of the first local firms to benefit from the peace process as it moved manufacturing to neighboring countries with low labor costs. Delta currently manufactures in Egypt, Jordan, Turkey and Scotland.

Lautman holds 56% of the company and Sara Lee, the world's largest clothing manufacturer, has some 30%. The remainder is traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

1998 tax revenues up 0.9%

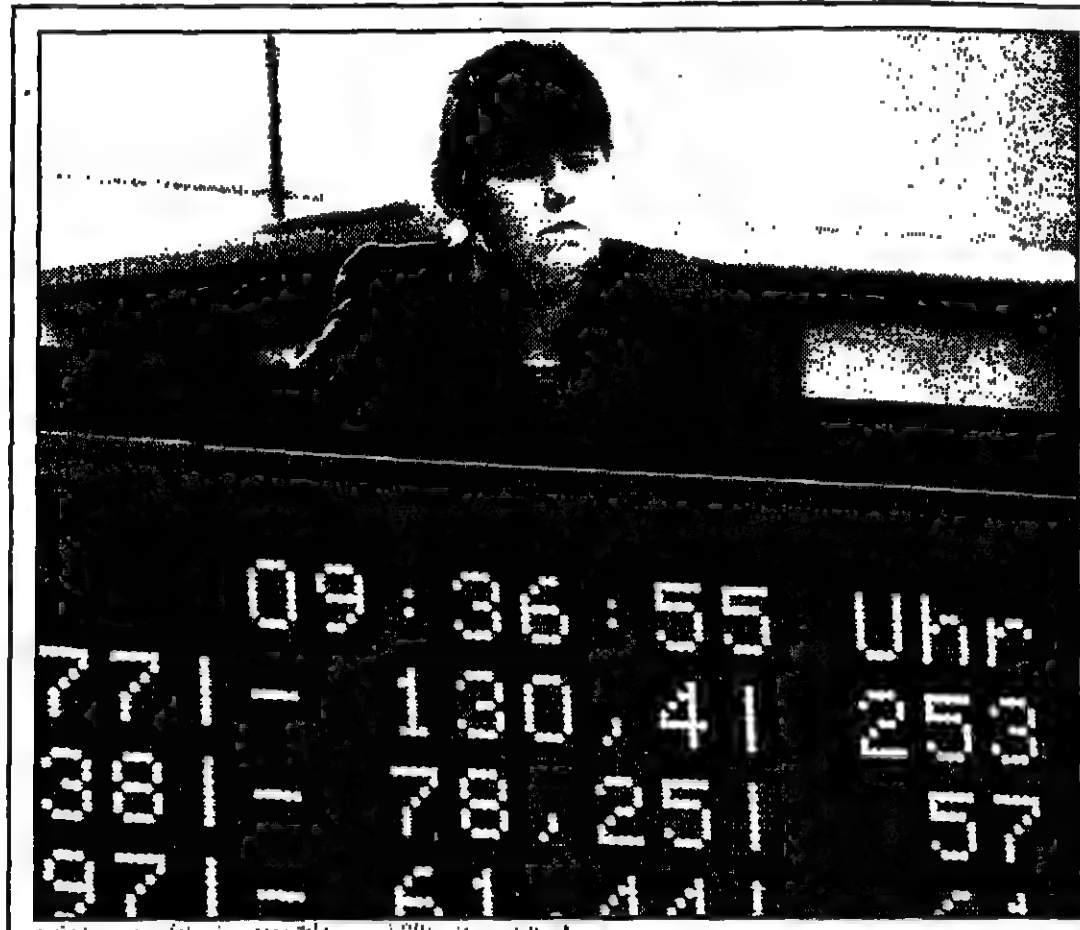
By DAVID HARRIS

The government's internal revenues increased 0.9 percent to NIS 66.9 billion in the first seven months of the year, compared to the same period last year, according to a statement issued by the Treasury yesterday.

The figures are seen as indicating the economy's slowdown, considering that the nominal growth rate is even lower than the economy's and the population's growth rates. Tax income from property related deals actually declined 6%. There was also a 1% decline to NIS 27.8b. in customs and VAT receipts.

The only bright spots for the government were a 3.9% rise in income tax payments and a 4.2% jump in other fees and tolls.

Car imports increased last month to 10,275, up 9% on the July 1997 figure. Since January, though, there has been a 7% downturn in vehicles brought into the country. In the first seven months, there were also 40,000 imports of washing machines (5%) and dishwashers (4.2%). These were offset by increases in imports of videos (34.3%), televisions (16.6%), and refrigerators (7.3%).



Hoping for better days:

An attendant's solemn look reflects the negative trend which prevailed yesterday in Frankfurt's share market, following the Dow Jones industrial average's 3.4% plunge the previous day. Full market coverage on Page 17.

(AP)

Teledata wins \$30m. contract in S. Africa

By NINA GILBERT

Teledata Communications Ltd. announced yesterday that it has won a \$30 million, two-year contract from Telkom SA of South Africa for the sale of the DCS-30 digital loop carrier.

At the same time, the Herzliya-based company reported a 50 percent drop in its sales in the second quarter to \$10.1m. from \$20.6m. Net losses in the quarter were \$2.8m. compared with profits of \$3.6m. in the same quarter last year. The company's shares dropped 6.8% after the announcement.

The company said the drop was mainly due to a drop in Southeast Asian business because of the ongoing financial crisis in the region and increased competition in other markets as a result of that crisis. Other factors included slower-than-expected sales of the company's wireless local loop product, the ERC.

Teledata makes advanced wireline and wireless customer access network equipment for telephone operating companies worldwide.

"Despite our disappointment with the company's second quarter and first half results, we remain committed to our long-term plans for the company's future growth and believe there are reasons for cautious optimism in the second half of the year," said CEO Joseph Atsmom.

The company said its DCS-30 system would be used for Telkom SA's program for the installation of 2.7 million telephone lines across South Africa by the year 2002.

Teledata supplies advanced access systems to major telecom operators in Europe, South and Central America, Asia, Africa and the Pacific Rim.

Net profits way up for Orbotech, Gilat

RESULTS

By NINA GILBERT

Orbotech, the Yavne-based maker of optical inspection systems for printed circuit boards, reported a 24 percent increase in net profits in the second quarter to \$10.5 million from \$8.5m. in the same period last year, mostly due to an increase in sales to Asia, the company said yesterday.

Revenues for the quarter were \$57.3m, an increase of 23% from the \$46.4m recorded in the second quarter a year ago.

The company said it recorded "strong revenue gains in all regions, with particularly strong growth in Japan and the Pacific Rim."

The boost in sales to Asia came despite the economic crisis in the region. In the quarter the company received a \$10m. order from Vertex Precision Electronics of Taiwan, which has been least affected by the situation.

Revenues for the first half of 1998 were \$111.5m, an increase of 27% from the \$87.7m. recorded in the first half of 1997. Net income for the first six months totaled \$20.1m, an increase of 35% compared with \$14.9m.

The company also reached an agreement in the second quarter to buy two businesses from the Japan-based Toyo Ink Mfg. Co.

Gilat Communications reported net income in the second quarter of \$1m. compared with \$370,000 in the same period last year, an increase of 173%.

The Petah Tikva-based company is a provider of satellite-based communications services. The company said it expects Direct Broadcast Services (DBS) to be introduced in Israel during 1999, and is forming a lead group consisting of major telecom, distribution and financial organizations to apply for a license.

Revenues in the second quarter were up 74% to \$5m. from \$2.9m. a year earlier. In the first half of the year, revenues were \$9.1m. an increase of 73% compared with the same period last year. Net income was \$1.6m., up 192% from \$580,000 last year.

Commenting on the results, Gilat Chairman Shlomo Tirsh

said "our technology is obviously gaining acceptance on a wider scale and we feel optimistic about our prospects for the remainder of the year."

NICE Systems, a provider of digital recording solutions, reported a net loss of \$4 million in the second quarter due to one-time costs of \$9m. for the acquisition of technology and move of the company's headquarters to Ra'anana.

Excluding these costs, net income rose 106% to \$5.1m. from \$2.5m. in the same quarter last year, the company said. Revenues in the quarter totaled \$24m. up 60 percent from \$15m. in the same quarter last year.

NICE CEO Benny Levin said the second quarter results reflect the company's improved position in the call center market.

In the first half of the year, revenues are up 66% to \$47m. compared with \$28.3m. in the same period last year.

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SPORTS

in brief

Rush joins Wrexham as player-coach

LONDON (Reuters) - Former Welsh international Ian Rush has signed a one-year contract as player-coach with Wrexham and will make his league debut for his new team in Saturday's opening second division match against Reading.

Rush, who will be 37 in October, turned down offers from Japanese and European clubs and said that while he will be concentrating on playing this season, he also sees the move as the first step towards a coaching career.

"It is something I always wanted to do and although I had offers from Japan and Europe, I like the set-up at Wrexham and feel I can learn the coaching trade."

Rush, Wales' record scorer with 28 goals in 73 internationals, was released by Newcastle at the end of last season.

His move sees him return to his roots in North Wales. He began his career with nearby Chester and has also played for Liverpool, Juventus, Leeds and Newcastle.

Bizarre injury could sideline Hirst for season

LONDON (Reuters) - Former England striker David Hirst could miss the entire season following a bizarre injury picked up in pre-season training with Southampton.

Hirst, whose career has been plagued with injuries, stepped on a stone while running and tore ligaments in his knee.

The forward has had a cast removed from his leg and has been told he has a month to prove his fitness.

But doctors have warned that if he breaks down he will need major knee surgery that will sideline him for the season.

Croatian star agrees terms with Coventry

COVENTRY (Reuters) - Croatian World Cup star Robert Jarni has agreed terms with Coventry City.

The English premier league side have offered Spain's Real Betis £2.5 million for the former Juventus wing back.

Coventry chairman Bryan Richardson said yesterday Coventry had agreed terms with the player and that the two clubs were close to agreeing a transfer fee to bring him to Highfield Road.

French Police find bottles, syringes near Tour hotel

GRENOBLE (Reuters) - French police said yesterday they had found a bag containing bottles and bloody syringes near a hotel in Voreppe where four Tour de France cycling teams stayed on July 25 and 26.

A person was seen dumping a bag in a field just over 100 meters from the hotel where the GAN, Casino, Saeco and Kelme teams were staying as the Tour passed through the south-eastern region, police said. They did not say when the bag was found.

The bottles and syringes are now being analyzed, police added.

French police are currently carrying out a widespread probe into the Tour which was marred by a series of revelations about the use by cyclists of performance-enhancing drugs.

Casino's Italian cyclist, Rodolfo Massi, has been placed under investigation on suspicion of supplying banned substances to other riders.

Six teams pulled out of the race and one, Festina, was kicked out after the team director said there was an organized doping ring at work in the team.

Mondobasket still searching for stars

ATHENS (AP) - No stars, no fans, no surpluses.

The wide-open World Basketball Championship heads to the quarterfinals without a truly dominant team or player - and a worrisome dearth of spectators.

Most of the eight teams left in the medal chase didn't practice yesterday, hoping to recover from the grind of six preliminary games in seven days. Tomorrow's quarterfinal matchups are: US vs. Italy, Spain vs. Greece, Lithuania vs. Russia, and Argentina vs. Yugoslavia.

"No one player is carrying this team," said US coach Rudy Tomjanovich, who could have been speaking about any of the title contenders.

"If we have a lull, someone makes the big play: a shot, a rebound, a block. But it seems to be someone different every time." Most teams have been shuttling in at least 10 players - Tomjanovich

uses all 12 - each game, in part because of the physical nature of international play.

But it's also because no one seems to have a starting five that's capable of controlling a game.

"There are several countries that are supposed to be better than us," Spanish coach Lolo Sainz said. "But you can be certain, certain, certain that there is no one out there that scares us. Anyone is beatable."

The closest thing to a real favorite, Yugoslavia, needed overtime to get past Russia in preliminary round play and lost to Italy for the first time since 1984. The US grab-bag of players from the minor league Continental Basketball Association and European clubs lost to Lithuania and didn't lead Spain until there were less than 2 minutes left.

With 2.01-meter forward Alberto Herreros pouring in a tournament-high 20.5

points per game, Spain has looked like it could earn its first world or Olympics medal since a silver at the 1984 Los Angeles Games.

But if a team shuts him down, there's no one else to turn to.

Lithuania, led by former Seton Hall standout Arturas Karnisovas, did pull off its upset against the US, but went down meekly to Australia - which didn't make the quarters - and faded against Spain.

Greece, the only country that has had a full house of spectators each game, looked good in beating Italy, but was outclassed by both Russia and Yugoslavia.

"We are disappointed so far," FIBA spokesman Florian Waminger said of the low attendance. "We knew in advance, and it has been verified, that Greek people love their team but not necessarily basketball. We have had very good games in front of

500 spectators. That's a pity."

If the hosts lose to Spain tomorrow, organizers face the serious prospect of weekend medal-round games before thousands of empty seats at the 18,000-capacity Olympic arena.

Officials have blamed the absence of fans on the absence of the Dream Team, which USA Basketball dumped in mid-June because of the NBA labor dispute.

The lack of NBA players - Yugoslavia and Lithuania are also without theirs - is largely responsible for the low level of play.

"Maybe the Dream Team would have been blowing people out by 30, 40 or 70 points," said guard Jimmy Oliver, the top US scorer at 14 points per game. "There are always going to be comparisons made, but I could care less about that stuff." He paused before adding: "Hey, if we win the gold medal then go ahead and compare."

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The International Piano Masterclasses in Kfar Blum continue today with Yehli Wagnan at 4 p.m. and a concert lecture by Michael Wladkowski on French contemporary piano music at 8:30 p.m.

On Friday there is a student concert at 8:30 p.m. At the same time on Saturday, pianists from the Kfar Blum program will join violinists participating in the Keshet Eilon masterclasses for a concert at Kibbutz Eilon.

At the Targ Center in Ein Kerem, Jerusalem, duo pianists Bracha Eden and Alexander Tamir play Schubert's Grand Duo, waltzes and dances for two pianos, and piano for four hands by other Viennese composers on Saturday at 11 a.m.

OPERA

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

This weekend you can enjoy the final performances of the Israel Vocal Arts Institute's summer opera program. Many of the program's participants sing arias, duets and ensembles in the final gala concert with the Ra'anana Symphonie Orchestra on Saturday at 9 p.m. at the Noga Theater in Jaffa.

Tonight at the Israel Music Conservatory in Tel Aviv, you can enjoy a concert performance of Offenbach's three-act opera *Les Contes d'Hoffmann* at 8 p.m.

Tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the same locale is an added performance of Rossini's *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, starring Dan Ettinger.



Dan Ettinger is 'The Barber of Seville.'

(Dina Guma)

KLEZMER

HELEN KAYE

It's klezmer night tonight in Ra'anana where the Ra'anana Symphonie opens the evening with guest clarinetist Shmuel Ahiezer. Also on the free program, which occupies three stages in Ra'anana Park, is Viennese Klezmer, from Vienna, Yiddish actor Ya'acov Bodo, trumpeter Ya'acov Uriel and more. The shows start at 8:45.

ENTERTAINMENT

HELEN KAYE

The Harvard Krokodiles, an energetic, talented group of 12 vocalists/entertainers, take on musicals, barbershop, jazz and the classics with aplomb and charm. Founded 52 years ago, the Krokodiles are all Harvard undergraduates. Competition to get into the group, which performs worldwide, is intense. At the Israel Museum on Saturday at 9:30 p.m. (English)

RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Paganini: Sonata no 4 for Violin and Guitar, Bruckner: Quadruple for Piano Violon: Concerto no 2, 2nd Movement; 7:07 Haydn: Sinfonia Concertante in B-flat major; Brahms: Sonata in F major op 99 for Cello and Piano; 8:05 Prokofiev: Winter Bonfire; Rousseau: Musique de la rue 1805; Prokofiev: Piano Sonata (Brilliant); Schoenberg: String Quartet no 7; Bartok: Piano Concerto no 1; Schubert: String Quartet in G major op 25; (Petersen): Shostakovich: Violin Concerto no 1; Debussy: Sonata for Violin and Piano; 12:00 Noon with Gideon Hod; 14:00 Encore; 15:00 Bach: Cantata no 203 "Amore trionfante"; Avneri: Love Under a Different Sun for Voice, Flute, Viola and Cello; Faller: El amor brujo; 16:00 Boccherini: String Quartet op 435 no 4; Mozart: Sonata in E-flat major for Piano and Violoncello; Brahms: Sonata no 2 for Violoncello and Piano; Schubert: Piano Sonata in B-flat major; 18:00 Works by Schubert: Piano Sonata in B-flat major; 2 Sings for Male Chorus; Quilstein in A major "Touret"; Adagio and Rondo concertino.

19:00 Oldies music & trivia with Tishia Bader and Larry Gamaliel; 21:00 Staying Safe - Dr. Miriam Adashan; 20:45 Jerusalem Post Sports - tomorrow's news tonight - with Joe Holtzman and Ori Lewis; 22:00 Westfords - Red Beard; 10:00 Late Night Music; 23:00 Art of the Song; 23:05 From the Recording Studio - Ari Assayas, cello / Tania Stepanova, piano, and other artists. Back: Suite no 3 for solo Cello; Danien: Fantasia for Flute, Viola and Cello (T / Assayas); Beethoven: Sonata no 5 for Cello and Piano op 102 no 2; Schumann: Fantasiestücke op 73; 21:00 Clouds, Celebrations and Sirens; 23:00 Art of the Song; CNN news on the hour followed by RadioWest local news; 6:00 Morning Drive 91.9 - Music with David Scharf; 7:30 English Newspaper Headlines; 7:45 Sports Update with Danny Gewirtz; 8:00 Lions Start Financial Update; 9:00 Morning Brunch (91.9); 9:00-9:30 Music with Sharon Levy; 10:00 Legal Eagle - attorney Larry Dub; 10:00 Music "Back to Back"; 10:30 Windows on the World; 11:00 News; 11:05 Off the Shelf: Anne Karmela; 11:10 Composer of the Month; 11:15 Performance; 11:20 The Multitask Sessions; 11:30 News; 11:45 Performance; 11:50 The Multitask Sessions; 12:00 News; 12:05 World Business Report; 12:15 Border Run; 12:30 Physics Made Simple; 12:45 Sports Roundup; 13:00 News; 13:30 Discovery; 13:45 World Business Report; 14:00 News; 14:15 World Business Report; 14:30 Record News; 14:45 Sports Roundup; 15:00 News; 15:15 World Business Report; 15:30 Record News; 15:45 Sports Roundup; 16:00 News; 16:15 World Business Report; 16:30 Record News; 16:45 Sports Roundup; 17:00 News; 17:15 World Business Report; 17:30 Record News; 17:45 Sports Roundup; 18:00 News; 18:15 World Business Report; 18:30 Record News; 18:45 Sports Roundup; 19:00 News; 19:15 World Business Report; 19:30 Record News; 19:45 Sports Roundup; 20:00 News; 20:15 World Business Report; 20:30 Record News; 20:45 Sports Roundup; 21:00 News; 21:15 World Business Report; 21:30 Record News; 21:45 Sports Roundup; 22:00 News; 22:15 World Business Report; 22:30 Record News; 22:45 Sports Roundup; 23:00 News; 23:15 World Business Report; 23:30 Record News; 23:45 Sports Roundup; 24:00 News.

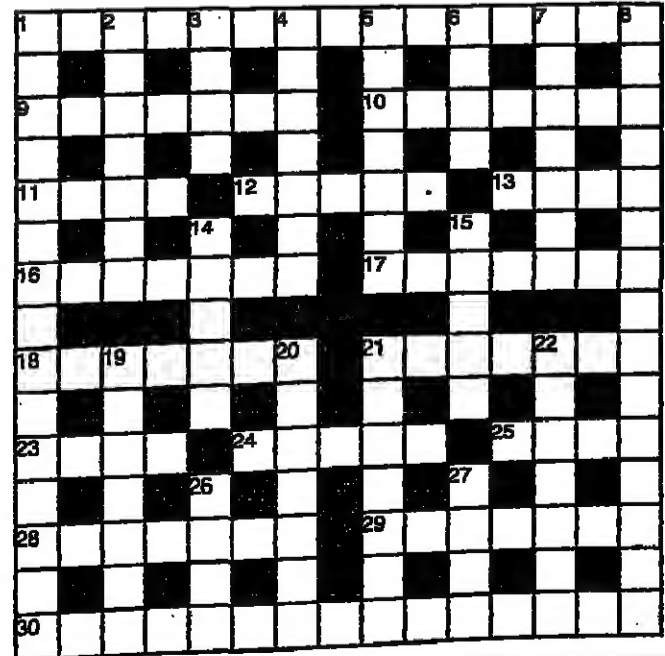
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SOLUTIONS

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QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 7 Husky (6)
- 8 Perfumes (6)
- 10 Sorrow (7)
- 11 Banal (6)
- 12 Boor (4)
- 13 Brag (5)
- 17 Fundamental (5)
- 18 Course file (4)
- 22 Brown pigment (5)
- 23 Stress (7)
- 24 Eatable (6)
- 25 Border (6)

DOWN

- 1 Lurid (7)
- 2 Press release (7)
- 3 Crooked (5)
- 4 Bliss (7)
- 5 Dismantle (5)
- 6 Pale (5)
- 9 Colleague (9)
- 14 Allegorical story (7)
- 15 Long-suffering (7)
- 16 Copse (7)
- 19 Escort (5)
- 20 Mar (5)
- 21 Grow (5)

TV

CHANNEL 1 (11)

5:20 News Flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel
10:00 Le Journal
10:10 Hot Shots
10:35 Wayne Manifesto
10:40 Kibbutz
11:25 Hot Shots
11:50 Puffin
12:00 Vacation Time
12:45 Animation
13:00 Trek Deep Space 9
13:15 SpaceShip Earth

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VIENNA (Reuters) - Werder Bremen midfielder Andreas Herzog will miss Austria's opening European Championship qualifier against Israel on September 5 due to a foot injury, a national federation official said yesterday.

Herzog suffered the injury at training and will be out of action for at least two months, said Wolfgang Graman.

Herzog will also miss the start of the German Bundesliga season and Austria's August 19 friendly against World Cup champions France.

The 29-year-old had surgery on his right toe shortly after Austria's final World Cup qualifier against Belarus last October.

Austrian coach Herbert Prohaska said: "It is a shame. We needed Herzog in the team against Israel."

'Griffith is
Maccabi's man'

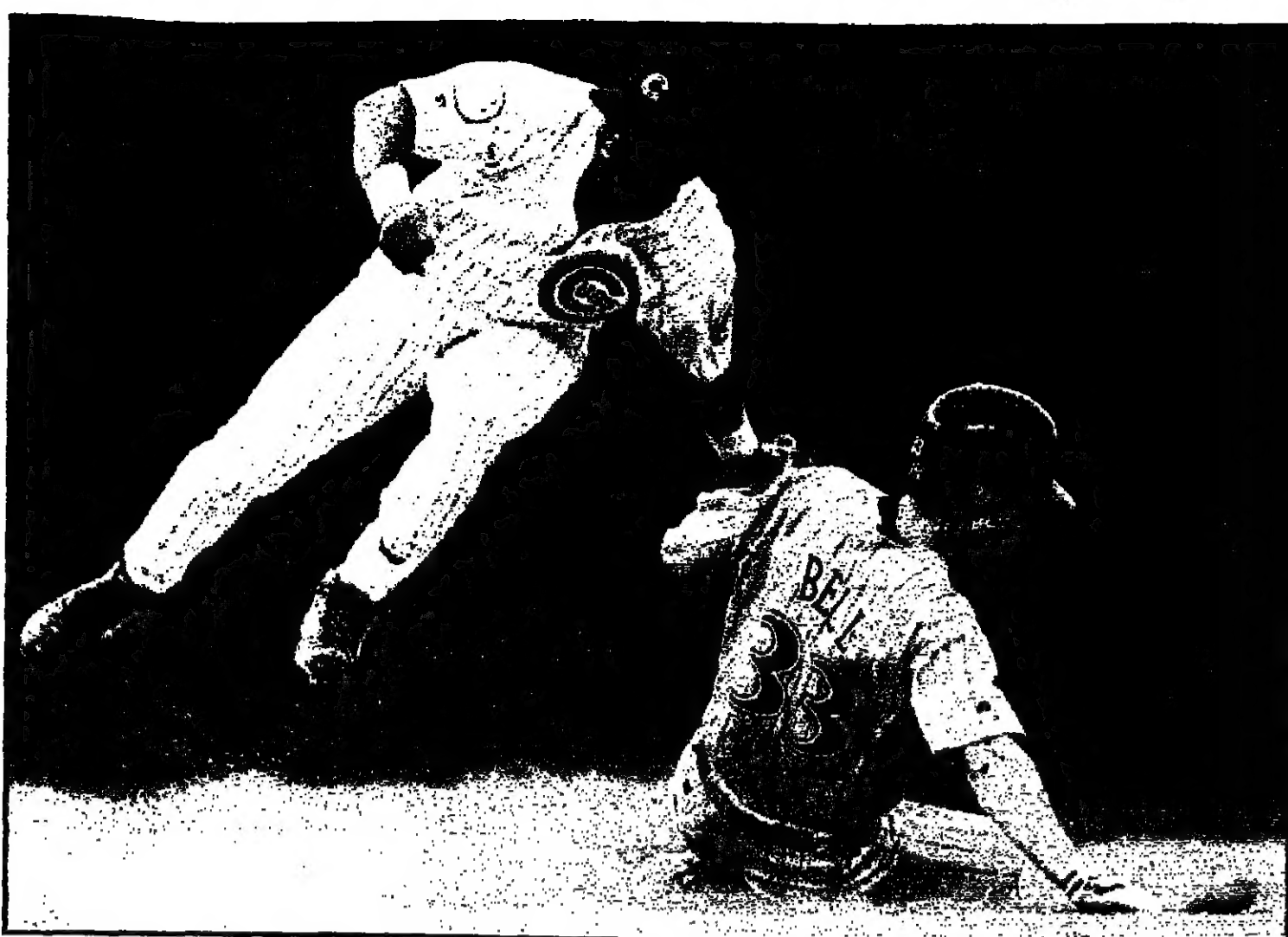
An Israel Basketball Association tribunal yesterday ruled that Maccabi Tel Aviv center, Rashard Griffith must see out the remaining two seasons of his three-year contract with the club.

The player, who is currently in Turkey where he wants to play with Topas Bursa, cannot therefore leave Maccabi without the club's consent.

Maccabi Tel Aviv chairman Shimon Mizrahi yesterday gave the player two options: Come back and play, or come back and sit on the bench.

Mizrahi said yesterday that Maccabi had no intention of releasing Griffith from his contract.

Ori Lewis



Cubs' shortstop Manny Alexander (left) gets out of the way of Arizona's Jay Bell as he steals second base in the first inning of their game in Chicago. The Cubs won 2-0.

McGwire helps St. Louis win

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Mark McGwire didn't homer but helped the St. Louis Cardinals win.

Louis Cardinals won at County Stadium for the first time since the 1982 World Series with a 2-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday.

McGwire, who hasn't hit a home run in 24 at-bats, went 1-for-2, walked twice, doubled and scored a run.

The Cardinals were swept in a three-game interleague series here last year and lost Monday night in their first visit to Milwaukee, which joined the National League this season.

Matt Morris (3-1) outdueled Scott Karl (8-6) for the second time in a week.

Braves 4, Reds 2
In Atlanta, Andrew Jones hit a tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning, enabling John Smoltz to become Atlanta's fifth starter with at

least 10 victories as the Braves beat the Cincinnati Reds.

Smoltz (10-2) allowed two runs and seven hits in joining Greg Maddux (14), Tom Glavine (14), Kevin Millwood (12) and Denny Neagle (11) with 10 or more victories this year. Smoltz, who had a career-high three hits, walked two and struck out four in seven innings.

Cubs 2, Diamondbacks 0
In Chicago, Mickey Morandini's two-out RBI single in the eighth inning broke a scoreless tie and Kevin Tapani pitched eight strong

innings to lead the Chicago Cubs over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Tapani (13-7) allowed just four hits and Rod Beck allowed a hit in the ninth before getting his 33rd save.

Expos 5, Dodgers 4
In Montreal, Chris Widger singled home the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the 10th inning and

the Montreal Expos rallied past the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Expos scored four times in the eighth to tie it, then won it against Darren Hall (0-3).

Pirates 13, Rockies 5
In Pittsburgh, Kevin Young went 4-for-5 with four RBIs and the Pittsburgh Pirates knocked out

Darryl Kile in the second inning, beating the Colorado Rockies.

Pittsburgh set season highs with the runs and 21 hits, stopping a four-game losing streak and winning for just the second time in nine games. Nine of the hits were doubles.

Mets 7, Giants 6
In New York, the Mets broke a streak of seven straight extra-inning losses when Lenny Harris drew a

bases-loaded walk from Jose Mesa (2-1) with two outs in the 10th.

New York, which overcame a 4-0 deficit, then wasted a two-run lead in

the ninth, won for the 11th time in 16 games and snapped the Giants' four-game winning streak.

Astros 9, Marlins 5
In Miami, Moises Alou started the scoring against former teammate

Livan Hernandez (9-8) with a two-run double in the first.

Hernandez allowed seven runs and eight hits in 6 1/3 innings, his worst outing since April 20. Bill Speier knocked out the right-hander with a two-run triple in the seventh.

Padres 3, Phillies 1
In San Diego, Greg Vaughn, stuck in a 4-for-42 slump, hit his 39th

home run as San Diego handed Philadelphia its sixth straight loss.

Two of Vaughn's previous four hits were homers, and he's just three shy of breaking his career-best of 41 set in 1996.

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Manchester Utd
looking at
European league

By KEITH WEIR

LONDON (Reuters) - Top English soccer club Manchester United said yesterday that they were involved in talks about forming a European league which could bring together the elite clubs of the European game.

The confirmation, in a statement issued through the London Stock Exchange, follows recent speculation that some 16 leading European teams were discussing a breakaway midweek league.

"Manchester United confirms that it is involved in discussions concerning the formation of proposed new European competitions," the statement said.

"The Company would, however, stress that it is totally committed to the FA premier league and other domestic competitions and is very mindful of its responsibilities to the governing bodies."

The talk of a new breakaway competition has set alarm bells ringing at UEFA, European soccer's ruling body, although a UEFA spokesman said yesterday they were not taken by surprise by United's announcement.

"We have known all about United's involvement for some time," spokesman Frits Ahlstrom told Reuters.

The premier league is also concerned that the formation of a European league, with no promotion or relegation, would rob English domestic soccer of part of its appeal.

United, the dominant force in English club soccer for much of the 1990s, stressed that there was no question of the club committing to a new competition until "all appropriate consultations have taken place."

But United, the most successful of Britain's growing band of stock market-listed soccer clubs, said it had to look at any projects that might prove to its financial advantage.

"Football is a developing industry and we have a duty to

examine any serious proposal that we feel might be beneficial to Manchester United, its fans and shareholders and football generally," the statement added.

Recent reports have described cloak-and-dagger meetings at the offices of a leading London law firm between top clubs and Milan-based company Media Partners, which has drawn up the blueprint for the league. Britain's *Sunday Telegraph* reported last weekend that US investment bank JP Morgan had underwritten the venture which could kick off in 2000.

The appeal of the European league to the continent's most glamorous clubs is obvious, assuring them of lucrative matches week in week out at a time when players' wages are going through the roof.

Some reports suggest clubs could earn as much as £20 million per season from the league, double what a club would reap from a successful run in the existing European Cup competition.

Fellow English clubs Arsenal and Liverpool are likely to figure on the wanted list for any European league, along with Spanish giants Barcelona and Real Madrid, Italian champions Juventus plus Inter Milan and city rivals AC Milan.

The league would be certain to attract the interest of leading European broadcast companies seeking high quality content to fill hundreds of new digital channels.

London's *Independent* newspaper reported yesterday that media mogul Rupert Murdoch, who controls a large chunk of British pay TV company BSkyB, was planning to team up with media players including Italian Silvio Berlusconi and German Leo Kirch in an alliance to buy up the broadcast rights.

United shares, which have been trading up around year highs, slipped 5.5p to 159.5p in a sharply lower market yesterday.

Donald punished for umpire comments

By NEIL MANTHORP

LONDON (Reuters) - South African fast bowler Allan Donald has been fined half his match fee and given a one-match suspension ban by the International Cricket Council (ICC) for criticizing an umpire after the fourth Test defeat by England last week.

The decision, announced by ICC match referee Ahmed Ebrahim on Wednesday, means Donald loses half his \$1,810 match fee and will be suspended for one Test if he

breaches the code of conduct again within the next 12 months.

Donald was asked in a radio interview on Sunday what he thought of umpire Mervyn Kitchen after the official said he was considering his future as a Test umpire following the match in Nottingham.

Kitchen was at the center of several controversial decisions during the match, which England won to level the series with one test to play. "I think he realizes he made a couple of shockers which swung

the result. If you lose concentration out there you are playing with players' careers," Donald replied during the interview on BBC radio.

Ebrahim issued a three-page statement yesterday which concluded that Donald had been in breach of clause eight of the ICC code of conduct which deals with players not making comments which are "detrimental to the game in general." Ebrahim said Donald "has clearly exhibited conduct and has made a public apology through me. He is a first offender

and by reputation he is a fine man."

Ebrahim also said that he had considered imposing a suspension but had decided not to because "He (Donald) deserves a second chance." The statement said that Kitchen had been the "first to hold up his hand and own up" to his mistakes and that after the match he had "left the ground not with his head held up high but a person torn by self doubt." However, Donald's conduct "calls for the strongest condemnation," the statement added.

Acid Test for series honors at Headingley

LEEDS (AP) - The battleground and the combatants are predetermined but the result is no foregone conclusion.

For the England and South Africa cricket teams, a much-needed series victory is at stake as they battle for the honors in the fifth and final cricket Test at Headingley starting today.

England, on a high after their series levelling eight-wicket win, are eyeing a first five-Test series win since 1986-87.

For South Africa, a series win in England would be their most prized accomplishment since returning to international cricket.

"It will be important for us to go away from England with a series win. It's a very big series for us. The first prize is to win the Tests," South African captain Hansie Cronje said yesterday.

South Africa are yet to win a major series since being readmitted to Test fold in 1992. The Proteas did look the dominant team in this series before surrendering a 1-0 lead after losing the fourth Test by eight wickets at Trent Bridge.

The visitors won the second Test at Lord's by 10 wickets, and narrowly missed out on another win at Old Trafford when England's last pair thwarted them.

"Every Test is massive even if you are 3-0 up," Cronje said. "It's all to play for in this one. And we don't mind that situation at all."

South Africa are considering their options for the crucial match - whether to play five seamers. They might end up being a toss up between two veterans, off-spinner Pat Symcox or all-rounder Brian McMillan.

Another possible change could be McMillan for Gerhardus Liebenberg to open the batting with Gary Kirsten, which would enable the Proteas to play Symcox at the expense of medium paceman Steve Elworthy.

Headingley, traditionally a seamer-friendly surface, hasn't been a happy hunting ground for England. They have only won two Tests at the ground in the last 10

years, while losing six times in the same period.

The last decade has not been a good win for English cricket in terms of winning.

England have failed to win a series over a major Test nation since Mike Gatting's team won the Ashes 2-1 in Australia in 1986-87.

Since that Ashes victory, England have played both Australia and the West Indies in four series and Pakistan and South Africa twice each.

England have not won a five-Test series on home soil since beating Allan Border's Australia 3-1 in 1985.

If Alec Stewart's side can pull off a win at Headingley, it will be the first time an England side has come from behind to win a series since David Gower's side won 2-1 in India in 1984-85.

England have retained an unchanged 12 and it is most likely that left-arm seamer Alan Mullally will form part of a four-pronged pace attack.

The last time England fielded an all pace attack, they were routed by an innings and 148 runs by Australia in 1993.

So, if the home side decides to go ahead with leg spinner Ian Salisbury, the bowler to miss out could be Dominic Cork, who has played in the first four Tests.

Mark Ramprakash calmed England's fitness fears, as he came out unscathed after two net sessions.

The right hander, who missed Middlesex's tour match against Sri Lanka, has suffered from tonsillitis since just before the last Test at Trent Bridge.

But he shrugged off his discomfort to top score in England's first innings with an unbeaten 67.

England (from): Michael Atherton, Mark Butcher, Nasser Hussain, Alec Stewart (captain), Mark Ramprakash, Graeme Hick, Andrew Flintoff, Dominic Cork, Ian Salisbury, Darren Gough, Angus Fraser, Alan Mullally.

South Africa (from): Gary Kirsten, Gerhardus Liebenberg, Jacques Kallis, Daryll Cullinan, Hansie Cronje (captain), Jonty Rhodes, Mark Boucher, Shaun Pollock, Allan Donald, Paul Adams, Pat Symcox and Mahendra Naidoo.

Umpires: Peter Willey (England) and Javed Ashraf (Pakistan). TV umpire: Ken Palmer. Match Referee: Ahmed Ebrahim (Zimbabwe).

Fergie slams
Kluivert over
transfer talks

MANCHESTER (AP) -

Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson, angered after Patrick Kluivert rejected a £9 million move to Old Trafford, said he was duped into believing the Dutch World Cup star wanted to join the team.

The 22-year-old striker turned down the offer from Manchester United and elected to stay with Italian club AC Milan. He has not ruled out a future move to Arsenal to join with Dutch stars Dennis Bergkamp and Marc Overmars.

Ferguson was critical of Kluivert's conduct during negotiations and said the Dutch forward failed to realize the scale of the opportunity he had turned down.

"Maybe he doesn't know how big Manchester United is," Ferguson said. "I am very surprised he has not given himself the opportunity to speak to us."

"Now we hear that he wants to go to London. If that is where he wants to live there is nothing we can do about it," Ferguson said.

Ferguson said his failure to sign Kluivert had made him more determined to lure Trinidadian striker Dwight Yorke - his other priority target this season - from Aston Villa.

Weary Kuerten falls to lucky loser O'Brien in Toronto

TORONTO (Reuters) - American Alex O'Brien went from lucky loser to first-round winner when he upset 12th-seeded former French Open

champion Gustavo Kuerten at the Canadian Open on Tuesday.

O'Brien, who failed to get through qualifying but was added to the main draw when Sweden's Thomas Enqvist withdrew, took advantage of the Brazilian's fatigue to post 6-3 7-6 victory.

Kuerten, runner-up in this event a year ago in Montreal, was feeling the effects of playing three European clay court events over the past four weeks.

"I always like to play fighting and running lot, but today I had no power to play," said the 1997 French Open winner.

O'Brien used an aggressive serve-and-volley attack to send the 24th-ranked Kuerten packing.

Even with his opponent's obvious lack of energy, the 143rd-ranked O'Brien refused to let down his guard.

Ninth seed Albert Costa, who also has been toiling on European clay, looked surprisingly fresh in turning back Australian Jason Stoltenberg 7-5 6-4.

Two seeded players who received first-round byes won their opening matches.

Fifth seed Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden downed Australian Scott Draper 7-6 6-3, and sixth-seeded Dutchman Richard Krajicek bounced South African qualifier David Naiman 6-4 6-4 to roll into the third round.

Top seed Pete Sampras was set to open with a second-round match late last night against Italian Gianluca Pozzi, a 7-6 4-6 6-2 winner over hot-headed American Jeff Tarango.

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Hafia 33/26

Netanya 34/23

Tel Aviv 35/23

Ariel 39/18

Jerusalem 33/18

Dead Sea 43/26

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Israel: Rather sunny today. Hot again across the interior and very warm at the coast. Highs 32-45. Clear tonight. Lows 17-26.

Eilat 43/26

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NORTH AMERICA WEATHER TODAY

Anchorage 16/7

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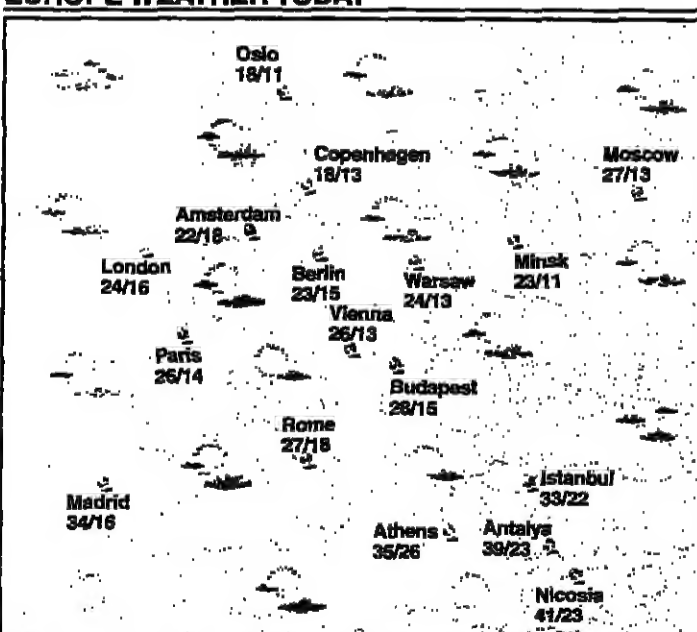
Vancouver 26/15

Seattle 26/15

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Los Angeles 31/20

EUROPE WEATHER TODAY



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

ISRAEL CITIES

City	Today		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Ariel	39/102	18/54	41/105	19/55	41/105	19/55	42/107	19/55
Beersheba	36/57	21/70	38/100	22/71	39/102	22/71	40/104	23/74
Dead Sea	43/109	26/79	44/111	26/79	45/113	27/80	46/115	28/81
Eilat	33/51	25/73	34/52	26/74	35/53	27/75	36/54	28/76
Hafia	33/51	25/73	34/52	26/74	35/53	27/75	36/54	28/76
Jerusalem	40/104	18/54	41/105	19/55	42/107	19/55	43/109	20/56
Katzrin	39/102	18/54	41/105	19/55	42/107	19/55	43/109	20/56
Netanya	34/53	23/73	35/54	24/74	36/55	25/75	37/56	26/76
Tel Aviv	35/54	24/74	36/55	25/75	37/56	26/76	38/57	27/77
Tiberias	42/107	27/80	44/111	28/81	45/113	29/82	46/115	30/83

Warning (W): sunny, no precipitation, no clouds, no fog

Weather (W): sunny, partly cloudy, cloudy, showers, thunderstorms, rain, drizzle, fog, snow, ice.

INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City		High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
		C/F	C/F	C/F	C/F	C/F	C/F
Aug 8	Aug 14	Aug 22	Aug 30				
R TODAY							
Amsterdam	22/71	18/54	24/75	18/54	25/76	19/55	26/77
Beijing	35/55	27/77	35/55	27/77	36/56	28/78	36/56
Berlin	23/75	15/50	24/75	15/50	25/76	16/51	26/77
Brussels	24/75	15/50	24/75	15/50	25/76	16/51	26/77
Cairo	38/100	24/75	39/102	25/76	40/104	26/77	41/106
Chicago	25/76	16/51	26/77	17/52	27/78	18/53	28/79
Hankou	27/78	18/53	28/79	19/54	29/80	20/55	30/81
Hong Kong	32/81	27/80	33/82	28/81	34/83	29/82	35/84
Johnsburg	22/71	18/54	24/75	18/54	25/76	19/55	26/77
London	24/75	15/50	24/75	15/50	25/76	16/51	26/77
Los Angeles	31/80	20/65	32/81	21/66	33/82	22/67	34/83
Madrid	34/83	16/51	35/84	17/52	36/85	18/53	37/86
Moscow	26/77	13/35	27/78	14/36	28/79	15/37	29/80
Mumbai	28/79	18/53	29/80	19/54	30/81	20/55	31/82
New York	27/80	17/52	28/81	18/53	29/82	19/54	30/83
Paris	24/75	15/50	24/75	15/50	25/76	16/51	26/77
Plo de Janeiro	27/78	18/53	28/79	19/54	29/80	20/55	30/81
Rome	29/79	16/50	30/80	17/51	31/81	18/52	32/82
Sydney	17/81	12/33	18/82	13/34	19/83	14/35	20/84
Tokyo	25/76	16/51	26/77	17/52	27/78	18/53	28/79
Vancouver	23/75	15/50	24/75	15/50	25/76	16/51	26/77
Vienna	25/76	16/51	26/77	17/52	27/78	18/53	28/79
Warsaw	24/75	15/50	24/75	15/50	25/76	16/51	26/77
Washington	32/82	22/71	33/83	23/72	34/84	24/73	35/85